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Healthy U opens its doors to the Salisbury U community



Adrienne Price photo

Chair of SU's Foundation Inc. Ed Thomas, Healthy U founder Mitzi Perdue and SU president Janet Dudley-Eshbach cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony on Tuesday.

By Sara Sutton
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, March 4, Salisbury University cut the ribbon to join the fight toward a healthier campus and community. Healthy U of Delmarva, founded in 2002 by civic leader Mitzi

Perdue, has joined forces with SU to better promote Healthy U's focus on a better lifestyle through diet, exercise and smoking cessation.

Healthy U is now at its new home located at 103 Power St. in SU's East campus area. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was a big hit, with appearances by

emotional and social. "Healthy U and SU are a perfect fit. Both are about educating people, with Healthy U focusing on the importance of exercise and healthy eating," said Dr.

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President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and Sammy the Sea Gull. There was also live music and healthy snacks presented by the girls' field hockey team, which volunteered at the event.

"Salisbury University is proud to promote healthy lifestyles and to uphold the legacy of Mitzi Perdue, a true civic leader and friend to our region and this campus," said SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach.

"Salisbury University's student body has been recognized as one of the most physically fit in the country and the Healthy U program is something our campus will embrace. We are honored that Mitzi has selected the University to carry on her important work."

Healthy U focuses on wellness in six dimensions: physical, intellectual, spiritual, occupational,

Student tries to recall Mayor Barrie Tilghman

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

SU student Jordan Reisman is utilizing online social networks such as Facebook, email, local press and the power of his own voice to collect signatures in an attempt to recall Salisbury Mayor Barrie Tilghman.

Reisman's petition also calls for the recall of City Council presi-



Telecia Taylor photo
SU student Jordan Reisman

dent Louise Smith and Council Vice President Gary A. Comegys.

"I want to bring the change to this community that these officials have failed to bring," Reisman said. "I've come to the conclusion that the policies in place now are not for our benefit."

Reisman's biggest concerns lay with Salisbury's crime rate, city

works maintenance, the noise ordinance and business centers.

"The sidewalks and roads are awful here and what should be a busy downtown business section consists mostly of vacant buildings," Reisman said. "We have unprecedented levels of crime and a growing student population that is constantly being exploited. Students should have someplace to go and have fun that isn't the Monkey Barrel."

According to the city of Salisbury's Web site, to recall the mayor Reisman applied for an official petition last week that requires at least 30 percent of the city's registered voters or about 3,500 signatures. He has 90 days to fill the petition, upon which time a reaffirmation vote will be held where voters will decide whether to reaffirm or recall the mayor. If recalled, a special election will be held where anyone can run for office.

The process is similar for recalling the councilmen, but he only needs close to 3,000 signatures.

"We need to get real change started in this city," Reisman said. "We as students are not being treated as equals because none of us vote. We need to get out there and vote."

Reisman's campaign has been called "foolishness" by Katherine Woody Day and unfounded by

See Mayor Pg. 2

SU plumber wins \$250,000 in MD lottery

By Nick Lehwald
Staff Writer

SU senior maintenance mechanic Ernest "Morris" Jones feels like a million bucks. Last month, Jones hit the jackpot of the Maryland Lottery Mega Millions, winning \$250,000.

"It felt like the first time I held my grandson. I just couldn't believe it," Jones said. A good-natured guy, with an easy-going smile and a hearty laugh, Jones talked openly about his winnings and his future plans.

That Wednesday morning, nothing seemed to be going right. His truck wouldn't start, he was late for work and ran out of the house with nothing in his pockets but a few dollars and his Mega Millions ticket. Checking the ticket for the first time the day after the draw-



Nick Lehwald photo

Ernest "Morris" Jones, SU staff member won \$250,000 in the Maryland lottery.

ing, Jones could not believe his luck.

"When I checked my ticket, I thought I had won \$150," Jones said.

However, when the clerk told

him that his ticket was actually for \$250,000, Jones was flabbergasted.

"I almost fell down," Jones said.

After the initial shock, he immediately called his wife and family to share the good news.

"I had let the computer pick the numbers, so it was a shot in the dark. I just happened to be in the right place at the right time. Pure luck is all it was," said Jones modestly.

After taxes are taken out, Jones will be receiving his money at his home, where he will promptly put it to use.

Now the question remains of what to do with all that money.

"It felt like the first time I held my grandson. I just couldn't believe it!"

Ernest Jones

SU plumber and lotto winner

Jones, who has worked at SU for 20 years, has some sound plans for his money. Instead of quitting his job and spending all the money on new cars, he plans on helping his family and making life more comfortable for him and his wife.

"First, we're setting up a trust fund for my grandson, who was struck by a car four years ago and

still suffers from a lot of medical problems. We're gonna set him up with about \$30,000," Jones said. "After that, I'm going to buy me a shiny new truck. Besides that, my wife is trying to figure out what we want to do that we have never been able to do before. The rest of the money we're going to invest."

"In two to three more years I'll be able to retire, so we'll need something to make it more comfortable," said Jones, who is 59 and a long time resident of Delmar and regular lottery player.

He only buys the Mega Millions tickets on rare occasions. He was just one number off from winning that Tuesday's possible \$220 million jackpot. Jones purchased the ticket from the Shore Stop convenience store on Eastern Shore Drive in Salisbury.

City, school address local pedestrian safety

By Steven Reddick
Staff Writer

Almost seven thousand undergraduate students live in and attend classes in one of the busiest traffic areas of the town of Salisbury, Maryland, a mid-sized metropolitan area. Nestled between Rt. 13 and Camden Avenue, the University is an oasis of pedestrian safety surrounded by some of the busiest roads in the area. Though there have been relatively few reported pedestrian accidents in the surrounding intersections recently, the area is by no means a haven of safe crossings.

Most students who have dared to ride a bike anywhere off campus can vouch that neither motorists nor the layout of the roads are particularly pedestrian friendly. When asked if

the roads in Salisbury are safe, most respond, "not really."

"I get a lot of honks," said Chris Menser, a senior and cyclist who lives a few miles off-campus. "A lot of shoulders have debris and potholes that have not been maintained. I have to ride in the road, mostly for visibility. It's too dangerous to ride on the shoulder."

It seems that most pedestrians affected by traffic issues see the problem as being mostly perpetuated by unaware or inconsiderate motorists. According to Lt. Brown of the SU Police Department, "The city is responding to dangerous intersections by putting more signage and visibility in crosswalks."

"I think that the city of Salisbury has good intentions and is going in the right direction by making cross-

walks more visible and by adding new ones," said Virginia Gambrell, a sophomore and avid bike rider. "Motorists just seem unable to stop at crosswalks."

Salisbury University and the city of Salisbury have been talking about efforts to improve pedestrian safety for some time now.

"I really like the tunnel under 13," added Gambrell, "I use it all the time."

Gambrell also added that she "really likes how the crosswalk at Scarborough Leadership Center was widened" but the problem continues to be that "people don't stop a lot of the time unless you're already six feet out into the crosswalk."

Walking out six feet into a Camden Avenue crosswalk, however, could potentially put one six feet under the

ground and is probably best left to the daring.

According to Lt. Brown, there was an incident "a few months ago when a bicyclist was struck by a motor vehicle." The accident happened while the bicyclist was crossing at the intersection of West College and Camden. "It was not clear if [the bicyclist] did not wait for a car or a car did not wait for him."

Whatever the case, "it is important that motorists and pedestrians work together to be safe."



Sarah Wright photo

Junior Aubrey Maggio crosses Camden Ave.

TUESDAY 3/11/08	WEDNESDAY 3/12/08	THURSDAY 3/13/08	FRIDAY 3/14/08	SATURDAY 3/15/08	SUNDAY 3/16/08	MONDAY 3/17/08
HIGH 57	HIGH 56	HIGH 57	HIGH 59	HIGH 55	HIGH 48	HIGH 51
MOSTLY SUNNY	PARTLY CLOUDY	MOSTLY SUNNY	SHOWERS	MOSTLY CLOUDY	SHOWERS	MOSTLY CLOUDY
LOW 37	LOW 39	LOW 45	LOW 39	LOW 37	LOW 36	LOW 40

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News briefs

End-of-Life Issues Lecture

Dr. Thomas Finucane, a professor at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and a medical expert on end-of-life issues, presents "Life-Sustaining Treatment at the End of Life" 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, in the Worcester Room of the Commons. Finucane has lectured extensively throughout the U.S. and overseas on topics relating to geriatric care and medical ethics. He is the co-director of the Annual Geriatrics Symposium and served as the Commissioner of the American Bar Association Commission on Legal Problems on the Elderly, as well as on the Ethics Committee of the American Geriatrics Society. His lecture is co-sponsored by the Department of Nursing, PACE (Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement) and Johns Hopkins Geriatric Education Center Consortium. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Langley Winds Concert

Making their Salisbury University debut, the Langley Winds perform 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. Founded in 1997, the predominantly woodwind ensemble is part of the U.S. Air Force's Heritage of America Band, which performs for more than 1 million audience members each year in the eastern United States. The ensemble's repertoire includes not only classics from Puccini and Bach, but works from contemporary composers such as Gershwin and Bacharach, spanning more than 250 years of musical tradition. For more information call 410-219-2872.

New Alert Siren

University Police introduces its new outdoor siren alert on Thursday, March 13. At approximately 12:15 p.m. we will run the siren for a few minutes, which has a recorded voice and tone alert, to familiarize the campus with the sound. The siren is the latest addition to our Emergency Alert System, which includes text and voice messaging, campus e-mail and campus TV channel 24. Those aspects will be coordinated with the siren at that time. Anyone who is registered for text or voice messages will receive an alert, as will all campus e-mail users. The process is estimated to take approximately 10 minutes.

SAT optional study showing positive results

By Kristen Manion
Staff Writer

Salisbury University's SAT optional pilot program has shown positive results. The option of including standardized test scores in the admissions process is meant to follow the core values of the University, which are "excellence, student-centeredness, learning, community, civic engagement and diversity."

Last year, SU admitted 220 new freshmen out of a class of 1150 under the test-score optional system.

The SAT optional system is only applicable to incoming freshmen with a 3.5 GPA or better on a 4.0 scale.

According to the Admissions Web site, "Any student applying with less than a 3.5 would still need to submit a standardized test score to supplement the official high school transcript."

Healthy U

George Whitehead, board member of Healthy U and psychology professor at SU.

The program was started as a free membership initiative that upon becoming a member dedicates its time to helping others become healthier individuals. Its membership offers discounts to local businesses, organized group activities, monthly prize drawings and the ability to be entered in the yearly Huey Awards. The Huey Awards is a competition awarding \$1,000 to any individual or group that has adapted a healthier lifestyle as well as helped others in their battle to become healthy. SU is planning on keeping all of these aspects and more, including keeping membership free to all campus and community.

The Big Event committee cleans up some big problems

By Sarah Janoske
Staff Writer

The Big Event is fast approaching, and the Student Government Association is making some changes to the planning to make sure it runs smoothly and is an improvement on the previous years.

With more than 60 different jobs completed in the community surrounding Salisbury University last year, there were a few problems in the demands made by the community members.

"One of our major problems in the past has been with the job sites. People would say they have only one job to be done and it would get done more quickly than expected and then they would just find something else for students to do. Instead of just letting the students go, they would think of another job to be done," said Sean Jones, the Vice President of University Affairs for the SGA and chair of the Big Event this year.

To change this, Jones and Dr. Heather Holmes, Director of OS&O&L, have formulated a way to determine which jobs are possible for students to complete and how to turn down those jobs that are too extreme without depleting the number of community members who participate.

"This year we're going to inspect the job sites in the beginning which will help us determine the amount of students we need, if we're going to accept the job, and we've also decided that we're going to let our job sites know that we have the right to deny doing their requested work for any reason," Jones said.

"There were some sites in the previous years that had students taking up tile and painting their living room. It just wasn't the spirit of the community clean-up. They were almost taking advantage of the students being there," Holmes said.

Since most of the jobs requested are outside work like raking leaves, cleaning out flower boxes, washing windows or even cutting the lawn, most applications will be accepted, but there are some requests that will be automatically turned down.

"If the job is done using power tools, it's an automatic no, or if it's too dangerous like wanting students to fix a problem on the roof, we have to say no," Jones said.



photo courtesy of Catholic Campus Ministry

Last year's participants Becca Anderson and Jen Bandy from CCM get pumped for the Big Event! The Big Event strives to build a stronger relationship between the University and the local community.

Each of the improvements being made for the Big Event this year helps to alleviate any problems and to make the day run easily for the students without interruptions.

At the end of the event, the trash has to be put somewhere, and that's one of the obstacles that Jones has to work out for this year.

"We're trying to get a dump truck to go around to all of the job sites. Last year we had to go pick up the trash and bring it back to campus, and the dumpsters on campus would get filled very fast and the residents who live in the dorms wouldn't have anywhere to put their trash," Jones said.

In general, the Big Event makes a big impact on the neighboring community. Most of the community members that sign up have a good experience with the students com-

ing to their homes.

"We've received tons of thank you notes in the years past. A lot of people do have a positive opinion of students, and so it reinforces what they thought, and people who didn't think so highly of the students change their mind about the University," Holmes said.

When Jones went to meet with the mayor about the Big Event he said, "It got a really good response. The community thinks it's a good idea and they're with us on it. They are finally realizing that students want to give back to the community and that we aren't here just to party and trash party."

The Salisbury community members are not the only individuals who benefit from this community service project the University has sponsored for the past three years.

Holmes explained, "It makes the students more aware of the community and that there are community members who like the Salisbury students. The students have to make the effort to show they are good for the community. They have to give back and make that statement."

For Salisbury University, the event continues to bring a good report and the community is starting to see the University and students as a help rather than an annoyance. "As the event gets bigger, we're building relationships with the local businesses on getting supplies and discounts for organizations on campus. Overall it will help us make bonds with the community and eventually they'll discover we aren't bad and that we do want to help out," Jones said.

Crime beat

3/02/08
12:42-1:10 a.m.
Traffic Stop-Alcohol Violation
A University Police Officer observed a vehicle speeding in the Blackwell parking lot and stopped the vehicle. While speaking to the driver, the officer observed a half bottle of beer on the floor. The driver was charged with underage possession of alcohol.

3/03/08
8:00-10:43 a.m.
Theft
A student reported a bicycle was stolen from a stairwell in Devilbiss Hall. The bicycle was secured to the railing with a chain type bike lock.

2/29/08-3/03/08
2:00 p.m.-11:52 a.m.
Theft
An employee reported a poster was stolen from a wall in Devilbiss Hall.

3/06/08
7:00-8:20 p.m.
Theft
A student reported an unattended set of car keys, cell iPhone and Gull Card were stolen from Maggs gym.

3/06/08
10:02-10:30 p.m.
Alcohol Violation
A student was found to be in possession of alcoholic beverages in the Devilbiss Parking Lot. The student was underage and was issued a civil citation.

3/07/08
3:24-4:27 a.m.
Traffic Accident
A student was traveling west on Onley Road when he failed to stop at the stop sign and drove through the fence and onto the softball field. Salisbury City Police investigated the accident and placed the student under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol.

GUC bulletin boards unused

By Jonathan Moynihan
Staff Writer

Salisbury University provides a buffet of opportunities for students to participate in extracurricular activities. As home to over 120 student organizations, SU gives each club an equal opportunity to advertise their existence and activities throughout campus. However, in one specific area, those opportunities are often neglected rather than utilized.

One of the most popular avenues sought out by student organizations are the bulletin boards that line the hallway in the Guernsey University Center. The advertisement space flashes flyers, pictures and meeting times for several of the SU clubs.

Despite the number of clubs on campus, space is only available in the GUC for 16 clubs. Needless to say, the demand for these spaces is high. "We offer the spaces each semester and generally they fill up. A lot of groups want the space, but new ones especially because they want to get the word out," for comment.

"I'm not accepting anything less than victory and I need everyone on campus involved," Reisman said. "Most students are not registered to vote in Salisbury and don't know they can sign up after living here for only 30 days. We are greatly underrepresented."

Reisman can be reached through his email: trackhawk@comcast.net or the Facebook club "Recalling the Mayor of Salisbury." Any elected official of the city can be reached through the City of Salisbury's Web site.

The Salisbury police department is running at full capacity for the first time in close to 20 years and the crime rate has dropped in many areas, Comegys said. He attributes this improvement to raised police salaries and better training.

Mayor Tilgman was not available



Facebook group photo

GLOBAL

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Russia faces uncertain future as it moves towards democracy

By Brandon M. Smith
Staff Writer

Dmitry Medvedev scored a crushing victory in Russia's presidential elections, Sunday, March 1 in an outcome that was highly predicted, and which raises questions about the future power structure within Russia. With all of the votes nearly counted, Medvedev has received

more than 70 percent of the popular vote, destroying the aspirations of his three competitors.

At 42, Medvedev is considered to be previous Russian President Vladimir Putin's protégé and hand-picked successor. Medvedev and Putin have shared a long history together, a relationship which can be traced back to their law school days where they both attended St.

Petersburg State University.

Medvedev was formerly first deputy prime minister of the Russian government and Putin's chief of staff. He is also the chairman of Gazprom's board of directors. Gazprom is Russia's single largest company and the biggest extractor of natural gas in the world, with recorded sales of \$31 billion in 2004, according to the

company's financial statements.

Putin's endorsement of Medvedev, combined with his power and popularity with the Russian people, essentially guaranteed Sunday's victory. Putin is not fading into history, however, announcing that he would take the position of prime minister in Medvedev's administration. Many in Russia and the international community look at this move as an exchange in the established power structure and fear Putin will use Medvedev as a political puppet.

Political Science professor and expert in Russian politics at SU Dr. Gregory Cashman discussed the implications of this new change in Russian power.

"The good news in all of this is that we have a Russian leader who is voluntarily stepping down from power, which is a rarity in the history of Russian politics," Cashman said.

Putin was highly scrutinized for his heavy-handed tactics during this election, which included strong censorship of the mostly state-owned press and news media. None of Medvedev's competitors received any Russian press or media, thanks to the sway of the Kremlin.

There were large amounts of pressure on government employees to vote for the "right candidate." The state also went out of its way to invalidate opposition party candidates from even entering the race.

"Although the elec-

tions had their flaws, it was highly unlikely that any of the opposition party leaders would have gotten elected anyway. Putin's popularity with the people is so strong that any candidate he endorses would have won. The Russian people love Putin because he's seen as someone who looks out for Russian interest and not someone who is going to be pushed around."

The recent election also shows a growing shift towards democracy for Russia. Out of all the possible candidates Medvedev is seen by most as the most moderate choice. Medvedev, unlike Putin, was never a member of the Russian intelligence service known to most as the KGB, moving Russia away from its roots in the old communist culture, according to Cashman.

"As for the shift in power from the presidency to the prime minister, it's hard to say. Putin is certainly going to be the most powerful PM in Russia's recent history. Many are predicting a flip flop of the power distribution," Cashman said.

In his public addresses Medvedev has lavished praise on Putin and his eight years in the Kremlin, being tactfully aware not to clash with any of Putin's agendas or policies. This only adds to the thought of Putin as Medvedev's puppet master.

However, political analysts warn that all bets could be off when Medvedev takes his seat in the Kremlin on March 7.

While the corruption and bully tactics used in the election may give some pause about the future of democracy in Russia, everything must be seen through the perspective of history.

"Russia, by all accounts, is not a country of laws. Corruption is widespread, and it's endemic of the culture. Its people are still adjusting to the idea of democracy, and corruption is overlooked as the way business, political and otherwise, gets done," Cashman said.

Obama, Clinton continue to run close race

By Matthew Rains
Staff Writer

While Sen. John McCain landed the knock-out punch needed to win the Republican nomination last Tuesday, Senators Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton will continue to wage what seems likely to be an epic contest set to last all 10 rounds.

The tables took a decidedly different turn than had been expected in last Tuesday's Democratic primaries and caucus as Clinton nearly swept the contest with wins in Rhode Island, Ohio and Texas. Obama maintained his lead with a decisive victory in Vermont but may have lost his momentum.

Clinton advisors, including former president Bill Clinton, had said earlier that wins in Ohio and Texas were essential if the campaign was to continue. The critical victories seemed to breathe new life into the New York senator who addressed a rally in Ohio just minutes after the news of Clinton's win became official.

Obama's campaign reportedly raised \$55 million in the month of Feb., the most ever by any presidential candidate. The bulk of these funds will most likely be spent in Pennsylvania, a state where Clinton is projected to do very well.

"For everyone here in Ohio and across America who's ever been counted out but refused to be knocked out, and for everyone who has stumbled but stood right back up—this one is for you," Clinton said at her speech.

Considered by many in Washington to be the turning point in the bid for the Democratic nomination, Tuesday's primaries left things very much right where they left off, at least as far as the math is concerned.

Although Obama acknowledged and congratulated Clinton on her wins, something she did not do during his recent 11-state winning streak, he said that the wins do not fundamentally change the race.

Obama's camp maintains that they will reach the magic number of 2,025 delegates needed for the Democratic nomination. Currently Senator Obama commands a small lead with 1,520 delegates while Senator Clinton has 1,424.

"It goes to Wyoming and Mississippi, which we've got com-

ing up this week, and then on to Pennsylvania and a series of other states—North Carolina, Kentucky, Indiana," Obama told CNN Wednesday. "We are confident that after last night ... we end up emerging with essentially the same delegate count that we had going."

Although Clinton has regained the momentum needed to stay in the race, without landslide wins by either candidate this grudge match will likely fight its way to the Democratic Convention in August, where Super Delegates will ultimately decide the nomination.

With all eyes now on the prize that is Pennsylvania, where 158 delegates will be at stake, both candidates will have a lengthy six week campaign to get their messages out before the April 22 primary.

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"Obama has his work cut out for him," said Mark Halperin, political analyst for *Time* magazine. "Pennsylvania on paper is a good state for Clinton. It's a lot like Ohio demographically. Like Ohio, she has the support of the very politically active governor, Ed Rendell, who is really good at getting out votes."

The state holds a closed primary where only registered Democrats and Republicans can vote, something that may prove to be an advantage for Clinton's nine point lead over Obama. Pennsylvania also holds the nation's highest percentage of elderly people, a demographic that has been particularly supportive of Clinton.

Obama continued to refute statements made by Clinton after the primaries that she was the best candidate to take on John McCain.

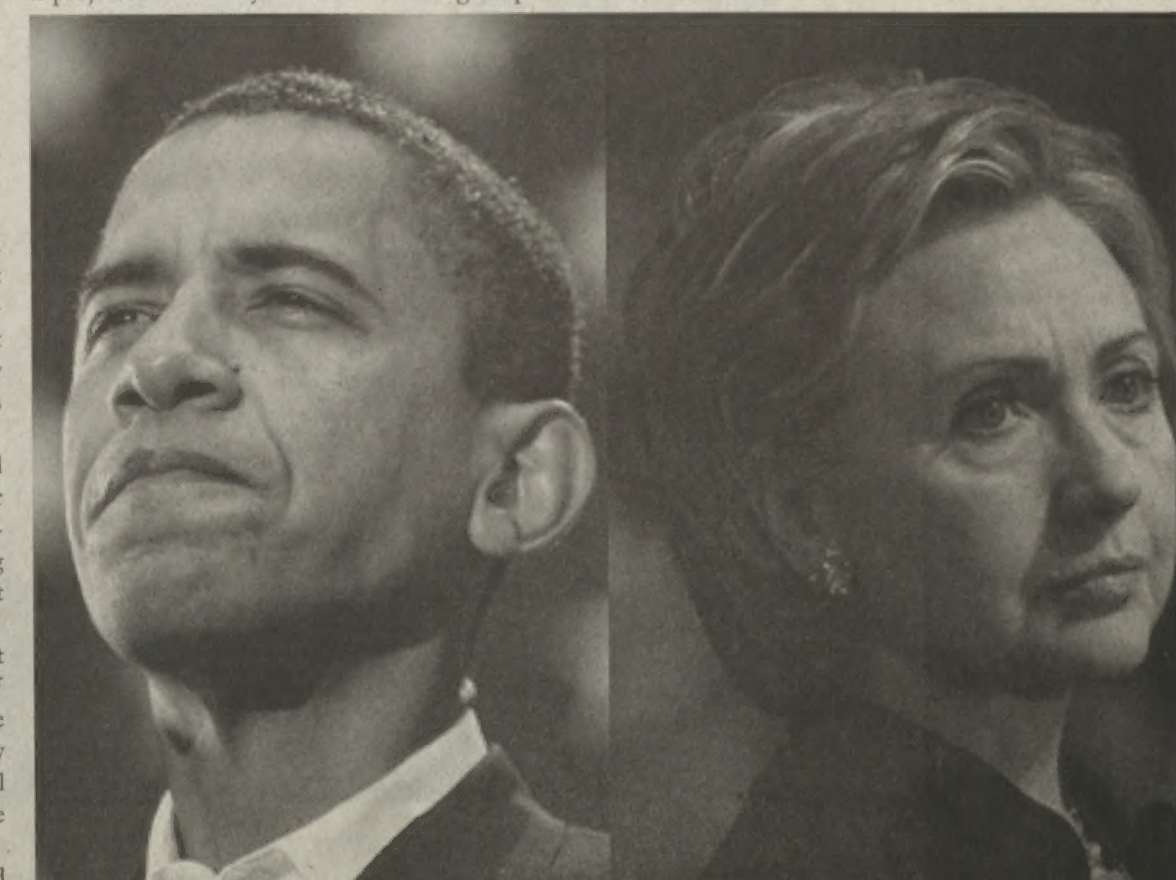
"I think that I am in a much stronger position to run against the Republicans than she is," Obama said. "Otherwise I wouldn't be running for president."

The Illinois senator also disputed Clinton's claim to be the more experienced candidate, referring to a recent comment made by Clinton in which she referred to Obama as "eloquent but empty."

"What exactly is this foreign policy experience? Was she negotiating treaties? Was she handling crises? The answer is no," he said. "If the only criteria is longevity in Washington, then she's certainly not going to beat John McCain on that."

Despite the often heated jabs that have been recently exchanged between the two campaigns, Clinton did hint to reporters Wednesday that the possibility of a joint "dream ticket" with both senators is a possibility in the future, a statement Obama brushed off.

"Well, that may, you know, be where this is headed," Clinton told CBS. "But, of course, we have to decide who's on top of the ticket, and I think that the people of Ohio very clearly said that it should be me."



Internet photo

PUZZLES

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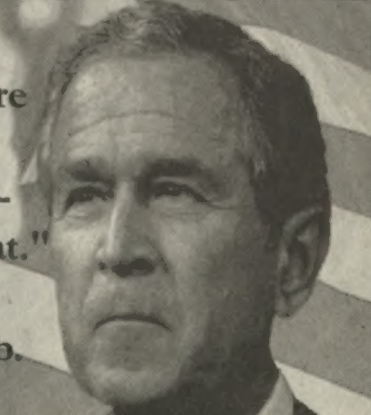
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"Wait a minute. What did you just say? You're predicting \$4-a-gallon gas? ... That's interesting. I hadn't heard that."
--George W. Bush, Washington, D.C., Feb. 28, 2008



Earth Liberation Front torches Washington homes Endangered animals are new blood diamonds



By Brandon M. Smith
Staff Writer

Fires erupted Monday, March 3 in Woodinville, Washington a suburb of Seattle and home to the mega development known as The Street of Dreams. Five of the developments' luxury homes caught fire. According to the Snohomish County fire department, three of the homes were completely destroyed while the fires on the fourth were put under control. The fifth residence was able to be saved thanks to the quick actions of area firefighters.

According to the Snohomish County sheriff's department, FBI and ATF investigations, the fires are being attributed to the radical eco-terrorism group known as The Earth Liberation Front (ELF). Incendiary devices were found in all five homes along with a message at the scene which was written on a bed sheet, and read, "Built Green? Nope! Black! Mc-Mansions in RCD's r not green, ELF!" No one was hurt in the fires and according to the Street of Dreams Web site over \$7 million in damage was done.

The Earth Liberation Front, long associated with acts of arson, has claimed responsibility for the bombings. The fires coincide with the trial of Briana Waters, a 32-year-old music teacher and suspect in the ELF firebombing at the University

of Washington, which occurred in 2001. Authorities have not yet made a connection between the two incidents except for their affiliation with ELF.

The Earth Liberation Front is the banner name for the anonymous and autonomous individuals who carry out "economic sabotage and guerrilla warfare to stop the exploitation and destruction of the natural environment," according to the now defunct

Internet photo

ELF Press Office. First founded in the United Kingdom in 1992, ELF is considered a sister organization to the equally radical Animal Liberation Front (ALF), and is considered an off-shoot from the more mainstream Earth First! environmental movement.

According to Dr. Michael Lewis, Director of the Environmental Issues program at Salisbury University, acts of terrorism attributed to ELF have occurred sporadically over the last five years.

"ELF is known for environmental sabotage, monkey wrenching and acts of arson in areas that they have deemed ecologically sensitive. With its leaderless resistance hierarchy, ELF is more of a philosophy than an organization. Anyone can commit an act of sabotage under the banner of ELF, which makes it that much harder to prosecute. However, a trend has emerged where actions by ELF are occurring in areas that have already tried to be protected through litigation. It's when this fails that radical individuals or groups take action, looking at it as a last ditch effort to make their voices heard," Lewis said.

With no list of its members or official news outlet, understanding the make-up of ELF is a problem that confronts authorities. According to Dr. Lewis, ELF is closely associated with animal liberationists, anti-capitalists, green anarchists, deep ecologists, eco-feminists, anti-globalizationists and class war activists.

"The strong anarchist tinge that runs through ELF comes from the fact that its members feel the legal system and government are working in the interest of developers who are given priority over the environment. They believe that the only way they can enact change is through direct personal action. They look at the government and court system as corrupt guardians of developers who place profit over the earth," Lewis said.

According to the ELF press office and multiple environmental groups, the published guidelines for actions taken by ELF members are:

To inflict maximum economic damage on those profiting from the destruction and exploitation of the natural environment.

To reveal to, and to educate the public about the atrocities committed against the earth and all species that populate it.

To take all necessary precautions against harming any animal - human and non-human.

The houses that were firebombed were all unoccupied and no deaths resulted from the fires, according to The Street of Dreams Web site.

The FBI estimates that ELF group, committed approximately 600 criminal acts in the United States since 1996, resulting in damages in excess of \$42 million. ELF was considered the top domestic terror threat in the United States by the FBI prior to Sept. 11, and was classified as eco-terrorist according to the FBI's Web site.

The Building Industry Association of Washington is offering up to \$100,000 for the identification of and information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) responsible for the arson claims by ELF. An additional \$10,000 award fund has been offered by the Northwest Insurance Council and Arson Alarm Foundation to anyone with information that leads to arrest or conviction. Anyone with information is asked to call the Arson Hotline (1-800-55-ARSON).

Kennedy pushes Mental Health Parity Act

By Michel Elben
Staff Writer

Imagine that your brother has an anxiety disorder but cannot afford the ambulance he took to the hospital while he was having an attack. Or that your mother's Lithium doses are only covered in a 15-day supply by her insurance, regardless of the severity of her illness. Unfortunately, this is the reality for many Americans with mental illness, even though studies show comprehensive evidence of the biological and chemical nature of mental disorders.

"It is my hope that the passage of the Mental Health Parity Act will help erase the stigma associated with mental illness and substance abuse, a stigma which has prevented far too many Americans from seeking out the treatment they need," said Representative Patrick J. Kennedy (D-RI).

Representative Kennedy passed the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007, known in Congress as the Mental Health Parity Act, on March 5. Co-sponsored by Representative Jim Ramstad (R-MN), the bill tries to improve mental health insurance by establishing its parity with physical ailments both financially and through quality of management.

The bill was named for the late Minnesota Democratic senator who was the greatest advocate of the mental health and substance abuse parity issue in Congress for years. Wellstone was killed in a plane crash in 2002.

"I am grateful that the House has taken this important step to end the discrimination against people who need treatment for mental illness and chemical addiction," said Representative Ramstad, a recovering alcoholic.

Ramstad and Kennedy have worked together on this bill, both deeply invested in supporting others and both dealing with their own depression issues and alcoholism. Ramstad is Kennedy's Alcoholics Anonymous Sponsor.

"I'm glad this bill recognizes mental health as a physical illness," said an anonymous SU student affiliated with Counseling Services. "It's hard to deal with the stigma that comes with mental health disorders. You're not always entirely disabled...it's just something you deal with on a day-to-day basis. You just need the right medications just like anything else."

The bill proposes that insurance plans guarantee that any financial requirements related to mental health and addiction benefits are no more limiting or costly than the financial requirements applied to all comparable medical and surgical benefits that the plan covers. The plans must also certify that the treatments are equal in frequency, number of visits and days of coverage.

The House of Representatives passed the legislation with a bipartisan vote of 268 to 148. "There is no shame in mental illness. The great shame would be if Congress had not taken action to ensure that individuals

with mental health illnesses and addictions are given the attention, treatment, and resources they need to live a healthy life," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA).

The Senate passed a narrower version of the bill last Sept. It was sponsored by Representative Kennedy's father, Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA). The White House said it favors the Senate's bill because it regards mental illnesses with the same urgency as physical illnesses but wouldn't significantly raise healthcare costs.

"The House version of the Parity bill is more extensive than the elder Kennedy's Senate version. For example, it requires equal insurance coverage of all the ailments listed in the "American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)," which is the same standard of the federal employee health plan that members of Congress use. The Senate's bill does not identify the conditions that must be included. Mental health advocates seem to prefer the House's version of the bill. The House's bill permits patients to seek certain types of treatment outside the healthcare "networks" to which insurers typically restrict their customers.

The Surgeon General's report on mental health, published in 1999, projected that approximately 20 percent of the U.S. population has a diagnosable, biologically-based mental disorder in any given year. The same report found that only one in three receive treatment. This may be attributed to the stigma and inadequate resources of the mental health system.

"If the Kennedys can use their name to make insurance equal for everyone it would be a huge step in American healthcare. I'd love to see what happens," the anonymous SU student said.

The Senate and House bills are being sent to conference committees for compromise talks. The Kennedys will both work to pass the legislation onto President Bush. Both parties would like to see some form of the Mental Health Parity Bill signed within the year. "We've discussed strategies and ways we can move this," said Representative Kennedy.



Internet photo

By Michelle Hinkle
Staff Writer

Diamonds once paid for the arms and supplies needed to fight a war, but a new resource could be sustaining rebel movements: endangered animals.

Zakouma National Park in Chad has become a safe haven for the country's elephant population. In the past 10 years, poachers have left a trail of elephants across the land as they killed and decapitated the animals to get to the precious ivory tusks. The group that raided the Zakouma National Park last May had a new plan with the same objective. Officials use the park as a storage facility for ivory they have seized from poachers throughout the years. Attackers ignored the few remaining elephants as they attempted to take possession of the 1.5 tons of ivory valued at over one million dollars.

The attackers killed three park rangers before being deterred by surviving Chadians. *Newsweek* reports that these deaths came as no surprise to wildlife officials since approximately 100 rangers are killed every year. The National Park's attackers were identified as a Sudanese militia group, the Janjaweed.

The name Janjaweed comes from combining the Arabic words for gun, horse and outlaw. The Janjaweed militia ride horses and carry heavy artillery through northern Sudan into

regions like Darfur, attacking rebels that oppose the Sudanese government. The United Nations credits the militia for an organized attack on Darfur that took the lives of 67 people. The Janjaweed swept the region and abducted 16 young girls and reportedly raped 93 others. The militia took great care to brand the hands of their victims so they would remember the terror and be forever ostracized from society. Militias like this one are poaching and trading endangered animals to fund their brutal attacks.

"It's untraceable money, much like the 'blood diamonds' that bankrolled brutal wars in Sierra Leone," said Michael Wamathi, director of the elephant program for the International Fund for Animal Welfare.

Chadian officials claim the Janjaweed has killed hundreds of elephants over the past two years. The militia slaughters the animals and carries the tusks back to Sudan where they are finally smuggled to Asia or traded for weapons. There was a time when poachers were small, unorganized groups that were struggling to support their families. This new age of poachers is hunting in mass, filling orders for far away buyers.

"The State Department estimates that the market value of illegal ivory (the most commonly trafficked contraband, at \$400 a pound), tiger parts (\$7,000 for a set of bones), rhino horn (up to \$25,000 per pound of

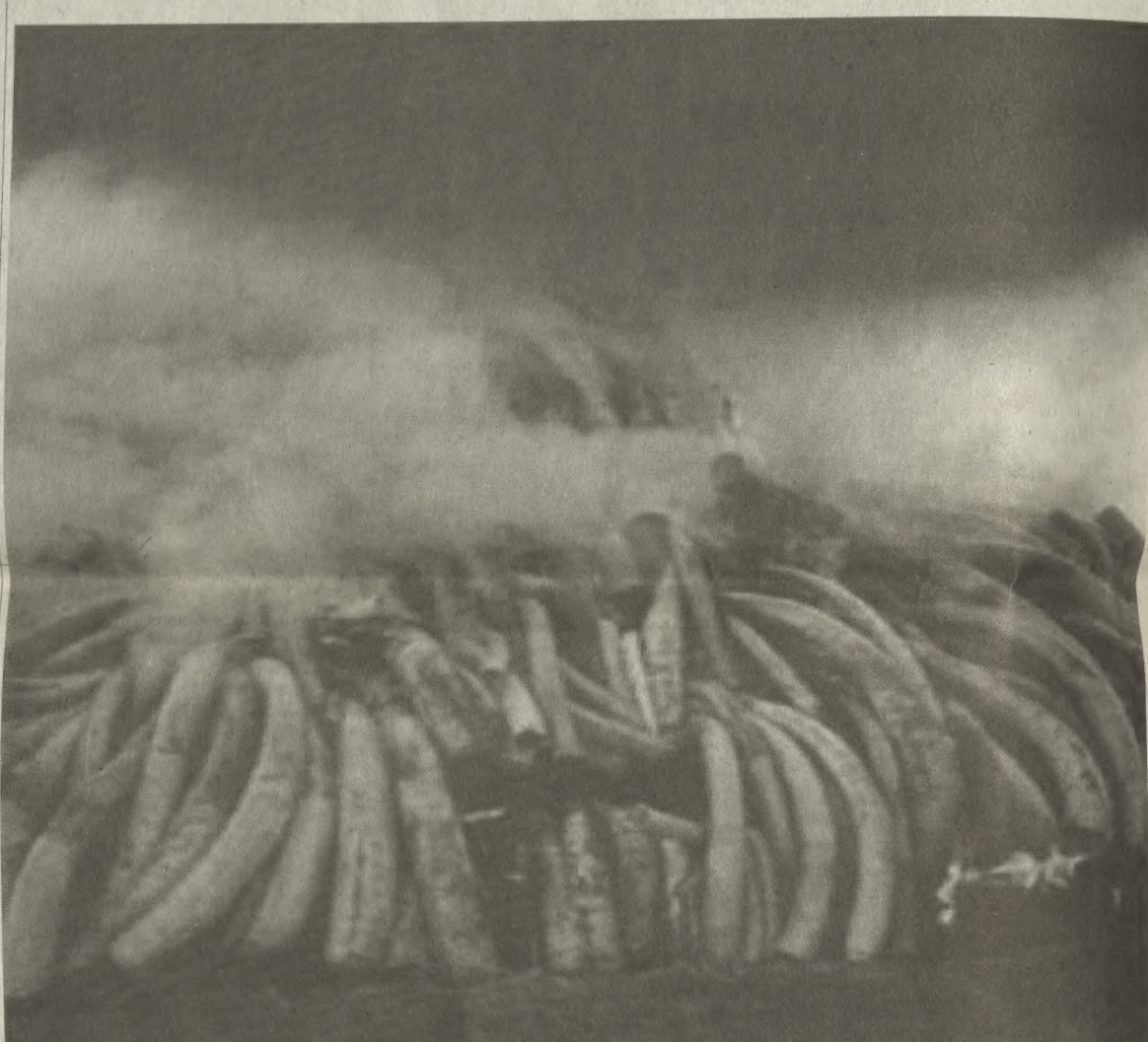
bone), shark fins, exotic birds (up to \$90,000 for a Lear's macaw), reptile skin, bushmeat and other illegal wildlife products has reached \$10 billion a year and possibly twice that," said *Newsweek*. China and the United States are the top markets for purchasing these goods.

The number of seizures taking place monthly is proof that illegal shipments are reaching new highs.

"Authorities intercepted an average of 92 illegal shipments of ivory every month in 2006," said Tom Milliken, director of the Africa program for Traffic International. These numbers are similar to those seen through the 1990s, but the shipments weighing over a ton have doubled. These enormous operations are a sign of highly organized smuggling.

Groups like the Janjaweed are being paid by collectors who purchase ivory tusks and rhino horns. Americans who use the Internet to order purses and shoes made from seal, hippo, exotic snakes and ostrich skin could also be funding militia groups.

Chinese are high on the list of buyers, using turtles and other endangered animals as delicacies, and parts from bats and reptiles for medicine. People around the world are buying products that they shouldn't, as many of these animals come closer and closer to extinction. The crimes against animals are just the beginning since they are now funding crimes against humans.



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EDITORIAL

Overheard: Do you think President Bush's endorsement of McCain will help or hurt his presidential bid?

Photos and article by: Sarah Wright



"I'd say it would probably help him."

Adam Haines - freshman



"Because not many people like Bush, endorsing a new president will cause them to not like McCain either."

Annie King - freshman



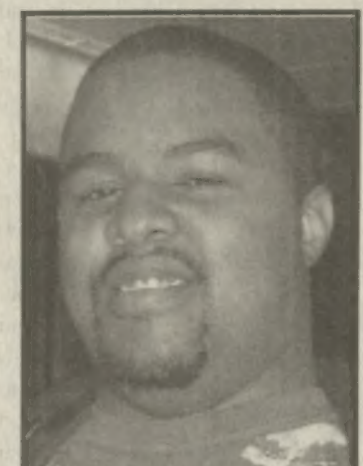
"It will probably help it, because supporters of George Bush will support John McCain as well."

Karen Roberts - senior



"It could go either way. I don't think it will make much of a difference because the good and bad even out."

Mike Hudak - sophomore



"I think it will hurt McCain because of Bush's reputation."

Martise Williams - junior



"If it doesn't hurt him, America is doomed."

Dr. Richard England - faculty

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Letter to the Editor

Why Respect Religion?

Does the idea that men should have authority over women because god has made men superior to women offend you? I hope so, because this idea is embedded in the scriptures of all three Abrahamic religions, Christianity, Islam and Judaism. This dogma is also put into practice by many followers of these faiths. My question is, why should we be compelled to respect the often irrational teachings of religion and religious dogma? I hope to explore this issue using the context of the incident regarding Muslims and Wikipedia as referenced in a past issue of *The Flyer*. For the uninitiated, there is a movement among some Muslims to urge Wikipedia to ban images of all humans, especially that of Muhammad.

Yes, perhaps it is offensive to Muslims that an image of Muhammad is on the Internet. But why should we care? For us living in a marketplace of ideas, being offended is a part of everyday life. I was deeply offended when Jerry Falwell stated that the September eleven attacks were perpetrated by a loving god as punishment for the actions of gays. Did I urge others to kill Mr. Falwell, or did I boycott

his media outlets? No, I simply did not listen. But we should express ideas that we find important, regardless of who it offends. I do not agree with Mr. Falwell's statement, but I respect and defend his right to say it. Individuals should not simply seek out people of faith to tell them how they are wrong, but when religious individuals attempt to force religious dogma into the public sphere, to criticize just like any other idea. It is not right to offend people for the sole purpose of causing offense, but fear of causing offense should not hinder free expression. If people were afraid to offend, we would have little meaningful expression in our world, from Sarre to South Park.

If one is so emotionally scarred by their religious dogma that they can't bear to go to a Web site without feeling the urge to jihad, then perhaps that person simply should not go to that Web site. If I walked into a literature class and demanded that the class read no female authors because they offend me, would the entire syllabus change because of my extreme minority view, or would I be advised to leave the class?

This incident speaks to a larger issue, that of the religious community attempting to receive special privileges and respect from the world at large and in turn influence how the secular community behaves. Political, artistic and scientific ideas do not receive this automatic reverence, and religious ideas should be no different. No religious dogma deserves respect by default, and religions are not immune to rational criticism or condemnation because they have a sacred scripture attached to them. We should stop being bullied by the fundamentalists of the world and give respect to movements and individuals who deserve it, not merely because they are part of a socially accepted and constructed religious movement with a socially accepted and constructed god.

I hope I have offended you with this piece, because there is no better way to prove the point I am trying to make. If you are offended, I urge you to ask yourself: have I threatened you in any way, or have I impeded on your right to live your life as you choose? Or have I merely riled you up and motivated you to go out and prove me wrong? I hope so, because that is the whole idea.

- Chris Black

Heartless marine throws puppy off cliff

By Rachel Lopez
Staff Writer



Internet photo

The Internet is a source of "freedom." It is a place where most people do whatever and say whatever. With the Internet being a medium for communication and an expression of thought, bad things as well as good can be seen and heard. The newest controversy is a video that has been circling the Internet. It contains a United States Marine holding a black-and-white puppy by the back of his neck. The Marine is smiling and laughing then suddenly the small puppy is thrown over the cliff, while its whimpers get quieter and quieter as it plummets downward to what is no doubt its death.

One does not have to be an animal activist to realize that an action of this nature is horrible. Watching the video

was hard. It said so much in only 17 seconds. It is hard to understand how a person could do such a thing, yet it is even harder to understand how a Marine can do a thing like this. Marines are supposed to protect our country, serve those in time of need, and should have compassion and at least some ounce of kindness in them.

CBSNews.com interviewed Stephanie

Scroggs, a spokesperson for The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals International. She states that this video is completely the opposite of what she has experienced with U.S. troops. In November, the groups launched "Operation Baghdad Pups," helping service members rescue and bring home animals they befriended in Iraq and Afghanistan. Although this good deed may be true, this certain individual, along with the one who laughed as the puppy was launched to its death, is casting a bad shadow upon the Marines.

Hopefully these Marines will be properly punished and come to realize the horror of their actions. I hope this situation will not be taken lightly and that the proper consequences are implemented.

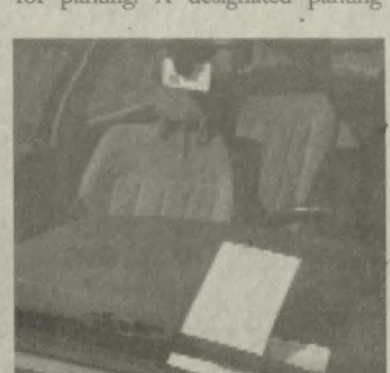
SU parking tickets out of control

By Lauren Zarin
Staff Writer

At Salisbury University the tuition is affordable but the parking tickets are not. Parking near the campus is limited and students are often late to class due to the lack of parking availability. The tickets would be comprehensible if the money was allocated to something useful, perhaps a parking garage. With a garage on either of the Dresser lots the school could have many more parking spaces. However, the campus police wouldn't have the enjoyment of writing tickets on a weekly basis.

Student Jimmy Watson is a freshman and has already received four parking tickets. Student Matt Weaver has received a ticket for accidentally crossing the parking line and taking two spaces. I personally have received a ticket for not being 25 feet from the nearest intersection, an infringement that is neither listed on http://www.salisbury.edu/police/Parking/Parking_Regulations nor made

known with posted signs. Rules that are posted on the parking regulations Web site read as follows: "Driving and parking is prohibited on grass plots, tree plots, loading zones, construction areas or any place that will mar the landscaping of the campus, create a safety hazard or interfere with the use of University facilities. Parking is prohibited on campus roads, including yellow curbs, and adjacent to islands in all parking lots unless such areas are designated for parking. A designated parking



Sarah Wright photo

space will have at least one of the following: red or white lines, a bumper guard and/or a parking meter." I'm sorry, what? "Mar the landscaping of the campus." What does that mean? If students fail to pay their parking tickets, they are not permitted to register for classes and will receive additional fines. So, the school will reject the \$6,412 (in state) or \$14,500 (out of state) that it costs to attend classes per year in order for the state to collect their parking tickets.

If a violator would like to appeal the ticket they've received, they may. However, if they don't do so within 10 days of receiving the ticket, they've lost that chance. Tickets must be appealed within 10 days or paid within 15. Many students have no money in their bank accounts and have to wait for a check from mom or dad to pay a ticket. The reception of grades does not offer guilt enough. Students must inform parents of the \$35 parking violation they've received for parking too near a parking space.

~SUDOKU~ The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

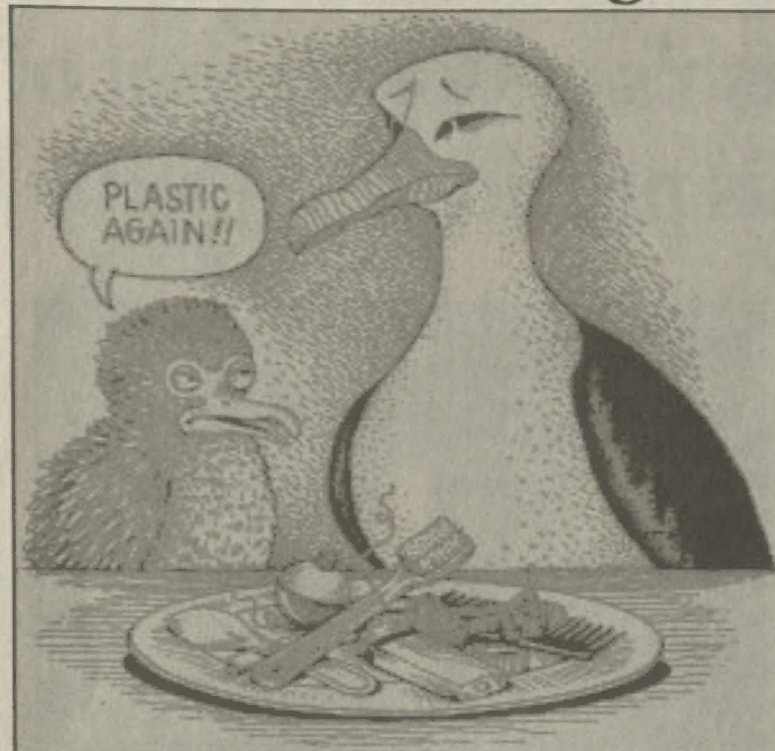
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Solution to last week's puzzle:

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SU's environmental efforts do not seem to be rubbing off on students



Internet photo

By Mary Simonds
Staff Writer

Awareness about environmental issues has continued to increase throughout our country in the past few years. Everything from environmentally friendly cars to household cleaning products have been introduced to us "environmentally unaware" Americans.

Salisbury University has implemented campus initiatives to make our campus more environmentally friendly as well. Since 2003, SU has recycled 70 tons of computers and audio-visual equipment, and 1778 tons of electronics were recycled in 2006 alone. Most cleaning supplies are GS-37 certified, meaning they are biodegradable. Paper towels have been replaced in residence hall restrooms with hand dryers, significantly reducing the amount of paper towels residents use on a daily basis. Along with this, paper purchased for office use is made of 30 percent recycled materials and then recycled itself. New benches have even been made from recycled materials. SU is also in the process of upgrading about 1,700 plumbing fixtures to conserve 11,000 gallons of water annually. These changes are just a minute example of the multitude of things SU has been doing to make this campus more environmentally friendly. A full list of everything the University is doing has been made available on the SU Web site. I encourage you to check it out. It is a very impressive list.

Despite SU's efforts to create a more eco-friendly campus, we as a student body have done very little to change our habits into a more environmentally conscious lifestyle. Is it cool to care about the environment? Is that why we preach green in public while we practice wastefulness in private? I think students refuse to believe that their efforts could actually make a difference.

I am not saying that I am perfect when it comes to being environmentally conscious, but I have recently become more aware of all the issues our earth faces. Thanks to my environmental communication class, I am no longer in the dark about these issues. I have personally made it a necessity that I start doing all I can to help create a more eco-friendly place for everyone.

After a little research on the Web, I came upon some staggering statistics. The average college student produces 640 pounds of solid waste each year, including 500 disposable cups and 320 pounds of paper. I hope you're thinking, "Wow! That's crazy." Well, only 5 percent of that solid waste gets recycled. Now that is crazy.

Although environmental issues go far beyond simple recycling, it is a great place to start. Recycling cans, glass and cardboard is a simple way to do your part in helping our earth. Encourage your friends to do the same. It's not hard to separate things into recyclables and non-recyclables. You could even make it a competition between you and your roommates.

Turning off dorm room lights and computers, taking shorter showers, printing fewer pages and purchasing a permanent water bottle are just a few other easy things YOU can do to better the only earth we have.

If you are one of the few students interested in this issue, there is an environmental issues major and minor offered at SU. The program director is Dr. Michael Lewis. There is also an environmental health club and you can contact president Wesley Adams for more information.

Every Salisbury student has the opportunity to save the earth that we have slowly begun to ruin. Changing your lifestyle can change our planet. Make sure you make a difference.

Ironically, with Putin as president,

Russia at a crossroads

By Jeremy Riffle
Staff Writer

On Mar. 2, the Russian people overwhelmingly voted for a new president, Dmitry Medvedev. Medvedev, the choice of outgoing president Vladimir Putin, will be assuming control of a robust Russia continuing the slide towards authoritarianism that Putin's rule epitomized or towards liberalizing itself.

Vladimir Putin became president of Russia on Dec. 31, 1999, when President Boris Yeltsin resigned. Putin had only months before becoming the fifth prime minister of the country in 18 months. The majority of Putin's life before that was devoted to the Soviet intelligence agency known as the KGB and his Russian successor, the FSB. The first act of President Putin was to grant immunity to Yeltsin and his family from allegations of corruption.

Putin's initial popularity came during his first month as prime minister with the onset of the Second Chechen War. The invasion of Chechnya was sparked by a series of bombings, killing nearly 300 people. The bombings, attributed to Chechen separatists, stopped after one bomb was discovered and disarmed. After the men who had planted the bomb were arrested and identified as FSB agents, the official story was that the bomb in question was a training drill and contained sugar, not explosives. This incident launched conspiracy theories that the entire series of bombings had been used to garner support for Putin and war with Chechnya.

Putin's presidency has been noted for placing an extremely strong emphasis on nationalism. During the Second Chechen War and disputes with other Eastern European countries, Russian nationalist zeal became a potent rallying force. There has been a great deal of discrimination against people with links to the Caucasus region, such as Chechens, Dagestanis and Georgians. In addition, it has become popular to view criticism of Putin or Russian policies as attempts by the Western powers to interfere with internal Russian affairs.

Ironically, with Putin as president,

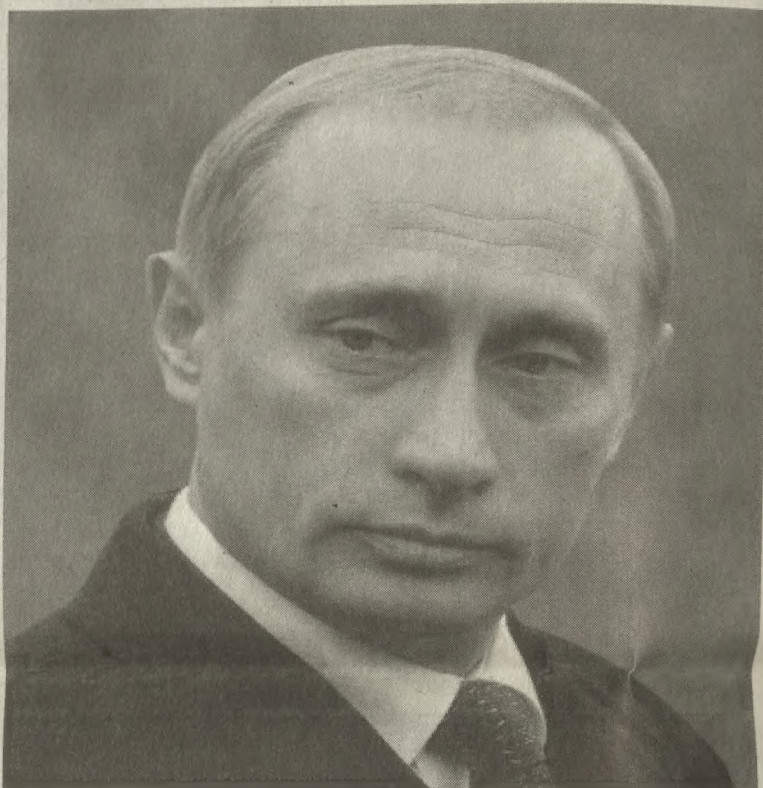
Russia has been extremely active in the affairs of its Eastern European neighbors, to the point of interference. In particular, its relations with Georgia, perhaps the former Soviet state most against Russian influence, have been tense. Russia actively supports separatist movements in two Georgian regions so that Russia can annex those regions. Russia has even begun granting Russian citizenship to the regions' residents.

In addition, Russia frequently interferes with Eastern European elections. During the 2004 presidential election in Ukraine, Putin endorsed the pro-Russian candidate, Viktor Yanukovich. In addition, the election monitoring agency of the Commonwealth of Independent States, a collection of post-Soviet states dominated by Russia, found the election of Yanukovich to be "legitimate and of a nature that reflected democratic standards." When allegations of fraud and protests forced a runoff election, the CIS pronounced the victory of Viktor Yushchenko to be illegitimate, unlike the vast majority of monitoring groups.

One of Russia's most effective means of exerting cooperation from its neighbors has been a type of economic warfare. Russia has exploited its position as an energy superpower to force its reliant

neighbors to bend to its will. According to a report from the Swedish Defence Research Agency, since 1991 there have been more than 55 energy disputes and incidents, over 30 of which have had political connotations at all. Even Russia's closest ally in Eastern Europe, Belarus, fell victim to this style of aggression in 2006. One of the conditions of this dispute's resolution included the sale of 50 percent of Belarus' national gas supplier to Gazprom, Russia's state-owned gas company.

The foundation that Putin laid for Russia is one of regional dominance and global forcefulness. The attempts of Russia to strong-arm its neighbors borders on the imperialistic. There have been concerns that the Russian Federation is sliding back into the USSR. These fears, while justified by what is occurring in Russia, belie a more concerning possibility, that Russia is becoming a fascist state with dreams of imperialism. Though he has described himself as liberal, President-elect Medvedev is a protégé of Putin. Which of these tendencies will emerge over the next four years will be decided by whether Medvedev can become popular in his own right, and how powerful Putin will be as Medvedev's prime minister.



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Obama's campaign is nothing we haven't heard before

By Rich Devine
Staff Writer

Just over a year ago, Senator Barack Obama appeared on the scene, starting out as a small whisper in Illinois and quickly developing into a swelling chorus that has now swept across America. What is it about Obama that has millions of people from all walks of life rallying around the Senator? In little time his campaign of "change" has taken flight. Obama has promised that there will be change if he is elected, and a whole lot of change at that. Obama has also testified that the country needs new blood and not some Washington insider.

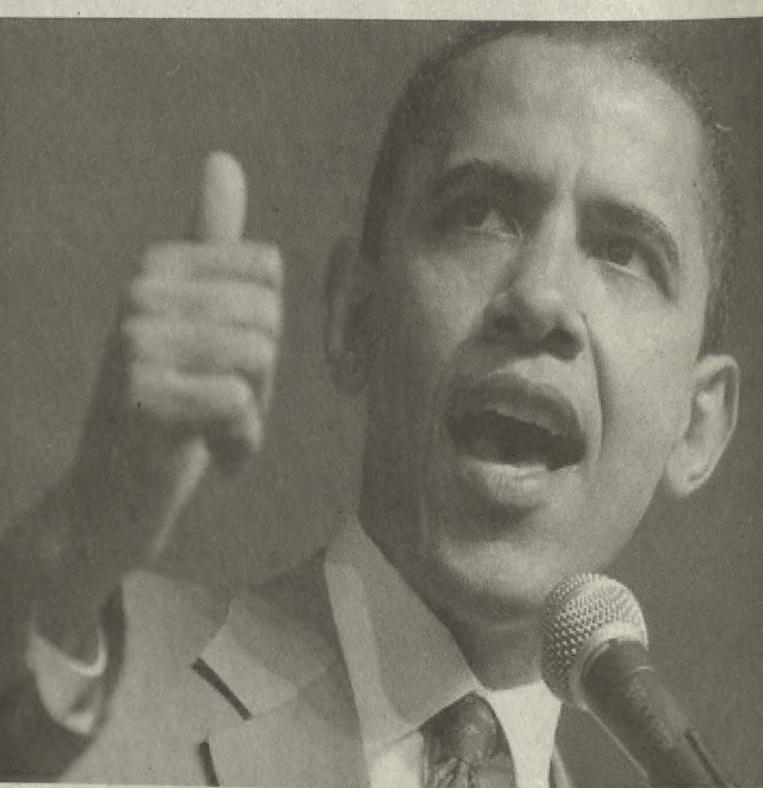
I would hate to think that anyone has actually believed the Senator, because this is the same tired rhetoric that we as Americans hear each and every election season, when new candidates on the campaign trail promise the all too familiar concept of "change." The situation almost brings me back all the way to the election of 2000 where there was another candidate promising change. I don't suppose anyone remembers a candidate expressing distaste over the current state of affairs only to head right to the White House and become a Washington insider himself. The fact is, it's something we've heard before. Despite Obama's persuasive persona and the fact that he's a talented communicator, as Americans we can't forget to keep an objective eye on him. It's no secret that we as Americans are always hungry for change, so we necessarily can't be blamed for wanting to cling to any candidate that will promise us change, regardless of the kind of change.

It is clear that many people in our country are disenfranchised by the current administration, and much of the dismay is directed toward the war in Iraq and the cost we're paying for gasoline at the pump. If it's the ending of the war that Obama talks of, I

think that is a decision a lot of people can respect and want. However, if it's lower taxes people want, don't count on Obama to give that to you. According to neutral data from the National Taxpayers Union, Obama's platform would boost yearly federal spending by \$307.3 billion. If this means what we all think it means, then yes, there will be higher taxes, but you can probably bet they won't be as obvious as gasoline prices. They'll probably be hidden amongst all the other fees we pay on a daily basis.

If it is lower gas prices that are wanted, let's not count on Obama for that either. Besides we still are paying less for gas than we did in the 1970s, once prices are adjusted for inflation. In fact, according to the Cato Institute, if we were to adjust the gas prices in 1949—27 cents a gallon—for inflation and changes in mean disposable income, we find that gas would have to be \$6.68 per gallon for it to take the same bite out of our wallets. It's something to think about next time a politician tries to use current gasoline prices as a political weapon to garner more votes.

Another issue that Obama has



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vowed to change is the "healthcare crisis," with both of the candidates essentially arguing over which one of them can better impose socialist policies. The true light of this matter is that of the 47 million Americans said to be uninsured, 8.7 million make between \$50,000-70,000 a year, 8.3 million make 70,000 and up, 15 million have access to public coverage through their employer or other means and 8 million are not even

US citizens. This leaves us with a true chronically uninsured population of about 8 million. This is not to say that the bureaucracy of our healthcare system and insurers doesn't have problems, because it does. The fallacy of a problem existing and the government having to swoop in and fix it usually proves more detrimental. All in all, I would not count on Obama to tell you the true matter of affairs.

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Building Leadership the Greek Way

By Ben Muell
Staff Writer

Fifteen members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Salisbury University attended the yearly Quint Province Leadership School, hosted by Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, from Feb. 29 to March 2. Over 300 SAEs traveling from over 35 chapters all over the Mid-Atlantic region were in attendance. Dickinson College has kindly supplied the use of their facilities to fraternity members for the past eight years.

The twenty-three faculty members of the Quint Province Leadership School are all men who work very closely with SAE on the national level like Marty Wiegelsworth, the second highest ranking member of the fraternity. Dickinson College President, William G. Durden was honored as the key note speaker.

Salisbury's own Duke Marshall, the Chapter Advisor for SAE and the President of the Alumni Association also helped out. His area of expertise dealt with alumni relations and personal and Chapter financial management. Duke, as he is more commonly known, says that "SAE Leadership schools offer brothers a chance to mingle and interact with brothers from different schools to help share ideas. Events like these offer the individual the chance to learn qualities with essential leadership skill for life after college."

Over 20 different workshops were held on a wide range of subjects allowing students to learn about topics they were interested in from very knowledgeable and accomplished men. Topics covered within the workshops included scholarships to offer advice on how to improve study habits, how to handle crisis of all sorts, team building-management techniques,



Ben Muell photo

SAE fraternity brothers attend Quint Providence Leadership School in Carlisle, PA.

discussion of the rights and feelings of women, finance to help with managing funds, goal setting, personal health, and the meaning of The True Gentleman (the creed of SAE) and how to live as one. There was even a workshop for current presidents and vice presidents offering advice on how to run their organization. Allowing those in charge to have specific problems solved additionally teaches one how to run an efficient meeting.

Functions like these offer chances for the fraternity as a whole to grow and become stronger. This year SAE is following the theme "Be The One," which boils down to an individual challenge to be the one to make a difference.

Vice president Rich Croce summarized his experience as a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the Leadership Schools as follows. "I never sat out to be a leader but SAE has provided me with the opportunities to learn how to deal with people while seeing results. As an active member I learn things about myself which other experiences couldn't provide. I feel more confident in myself and what I can achieve," Croce said.

SAE has a history of developing leadership that started with it being the first national fraternity to establish a national headquarters in the 1930s. Leadership schools followed shortly afterwards. This summer, one thousand SAEs are expected to attend the John Q. Moseley Leadership School cruise.

LIFE & STYLE

March 11, 2008

Open Mic Night rocks Cool Beans Student musicians perform to a packed audience



Adrienne Price photo

Senior Jordan Sokel jams out in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd in Cool Beans Thursday night. Tri-Mu hosted the event.

By Nick Lehwald
Staff Writer

Last Thursday in the Guerreri University center, Cool Beans coffee bar hosted its second, Open Mic night of the semester. Hosted by the SU Tri Mu club (Making Music Matter), this semimonthly event drew its biggest crowd to date. With almost 100 students filling Cool Beans, it was definitely a successful night for all those involved.

Intended to be a small venue for SU musicians, Open Mic Night was an excellent opportunity for students to get up onstage (so to speak), gain confidence, and become comfortable performing in front

of an audience. Lack of confidence was hard to find amongst the performers that night.

Nathan Anderson, Music Club president, who not only mc'd and ran the sound system but played his guitar on stage with friend Andy Morris, was thrilled with the evening. "Tonight, it blew up. It was bumpy," Anderson said. "This has been our biggest Mic night to date. I think it's going to get bigger and bigger every time for the rest of the semester."

With over 20 performances in the short three hours the mics were live, each one of the acts stepped up with confidence and gave the spectators

the best they had. With a mix of cover songs and originals, there was a diverse range of songs that kept the whole audience involved throughout the evening. The show consisted mostly of acoustic performances, with the occasional electric guitar, saxophone, keyboard and a small xylophone. Solos, duets, trios and quartets all had their time in the limelight, some playing longer than others. "It was wonderful, marvelous, and spectacular. Marvellous, even," said senior Nissa Cummings.

Everyone who attended Open Mic seemed to be in high spirits or perhaps just jacked up on coffee throughout the entire night, giving each performer their due. Decked out in proper coffee bar lounge attire, jeans, flannel, pajama pants, and flip flops, the spectators were all either cheering wildly for the great acts or clapping politely for the rest and the crowd lapped up every minute of the show. The unwritten rule of the night: no heckling was allowed. From 7 - 10 p.m., Cool Beans was the place to be for good music and cheer.

The songs played were comprised of a mixture of originals and covers. From mellow acoustic jams to hard core, rock stomping riffs on the Beatles songs, quiet love songs to political power chords, each performer drew upon their own unique musical stylings to show off to their friends and fans. While some songs held the audience in rapt attention, it was obvious that many people were just enjoying the background noise while they hung out with friends and got ready for that evening's adventure. With the coffee bar going in full swing, the baristas

behind the counters were kept on their feet the whole night. At least they made good tips.

This Open Mic night was only the second one of the spring semester. The Tri Mu club has Cool Beans reserved for three more nights in April and May and is working on organizing a final encore show before the end of the semester. All the shows will be starting at 7 p.m. and last until 10 p.m. Anyone with musical ability is welcome to stop by and drop in a jam or two. All you have to do is sign up at the front and be ready to sing your heart out.

"This has been pretty good. It was a lot better than some of the other open mics that I've been to," said junior, Alex Parrish.



Kevin Stiles smiles during his performance at Open Mic Night.

Married couple enlightens audience about HIV

By Lindsay Sappington
Staff Writer

What would you do if you fell in love with someone who has HIV positive? For Shawn Decker and Gwenn Barringer, the answer is not complex; you marry them!

If you didn't make it to their discussion about living with HIV last Monday night in Holloway Hall, you missed out on a remarkable story about *A Boy, a Girl, a Virus, and the Relationship that Happened Anyway*. Their story depicts how they manage their lifestyles as Shawn is HIV positive and Gwenn is not.

Decker, now 32, was diagnosed with HIV when he was 11 through contaminated blood products for treating hemophilia, a rare disorder in which your blood does not clot normally. At this time, he was given only two years to live. During the discussion, his sarcastic attitude described the contaminated treatment he received as being equal to unprotected sex with 1,000 people all at the same time, just not as fun. After being diagnosed at such a young age, Decker decided to keep his secret to himself for almost 10 years. He then realized if he wanted to have relationships, he would have to talk about HIV.

Decker and Barringer, both advocates for HIV, met in 1999 and have been speaking publicly together as a couple since 2000. "A lot of people think there are some normal life things that I'd be exposed to, but there's not really," said Barringer.

When Decker first spoke, he reassured everyone to feel free to laugh during the discussion if something is funny. "Don't feel like you can't laugh at the guy with AIDS," Decker said. His

humor also has him constantly coming up with creative ways of expressing his point of view. He calls HIV "my pet virus," a catchy way to portray how it does not control his life.

Another common question was how Barringer is kept safe from the virus. Once again, they have a simple answer: using condoms properly every time.

"The reason why intercourse is one of the ways HIV is transmissible is because HIV can't live outside the body for more than a few seconds," said Decker.

"If for some reason Shawn was bleeding and it was outside of the body, within those few seconds it can't be transmitted through unbroken skin," said Barringer. "So even if I had his

blood on my hand, it doesn't just magically go through the skin. It would have to be in an open cut, so it's actually fairly difficult to transmit in terms outside IV, drug use and sex."

Decker and Barringer travel nationally to speak about HIV. They have been featured in magazines like *POZ*, *USA Today*, *Cosmopolitan* and much more. Their stance towards, what some may call a helpless or doomning lifestyle helps to enlighten feelings concerning HIV.

"I think the most rewarding thing since I became involved in HIV through hearing someone speak, is to even think that we're speaking could affect someone and maybe have them make a change in their life," said

Barringer. "People have come to us years later and said because of your talk I became interested in HIV education and I'm working for an AIDS service organization. That is beyond my wildest expectations of what could happen."

"It's really great that we're discussing issues like this because it's something that a lot of students probably think about but are too afraid to inquire about," said senior Kasey Wright. "It was great to have two people that were so open about discussing their personal lives."

Decker brought up the point that we've all met someone that's HIV positive. "My advice to other people living with HIV is to not think that your life is the worst possible scenario. I think a lot of people get really down on themselves, they think things couldn't be worse," explained Decker. "I think the main problem for people with HIV is the self-imposed isolation and then by doing that to yourself eventually one else's instinct is to be fearful of you. So I just try to get people to look around, figure out who their real friends are and take that emotional risk and let them in. It's a tough thing to have to deal with on your own and I don't think anyone should really have to."

In 1996, Decker launched a Web site called "My Pet Virus" where he started blogging his thoughts and life stories. To learn more about Decker, Barringer, and their incredible journey together, check them out on the web at www.mypetvirus.com and www.aboyagirlvirus.com. Also, look for Shawn's book *My Pet Virus: The True Story of a Rebel Without a Care*, now sold in the SU bookstore.



Sarah Wright photo

Last Monday night, Shawn Decker and Gwenn Barringer amused SU students with a lively, thoughtful lecture about living with HIV.

PALS promotes peace

By Katelyn Johnson
Staff Writer

While five years may not sound like a long period of time, in a war zone it is an eternity. "Since the 'shock and awe' of March 19, 2003, close to 4,000 U.S. service men and women and up to 1,000,000 Iraqis have died. Thousands are maimed," wrote Jackie Fritch, Coordinator of the Peace Alliance of the Lower Shore, in a recent letter to the editor of the *Daily Times*.

On March 16, 2008, PALS, along with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Salisbury (UUPS), will be co-sponsoring three events in observance of the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq.

The events will kick off with Ted Nunn speaking on "Toward a Department of Peace" at 11 a.m. at the UUPS headquarters. Nunn is the Maryland State Coordinator for the campaign to establish a U.S. Department of Peace and Nonviolence.

"Since Representative Dennis Kucinich (D/Ohio) introduced the bill to create a U.S. Department of Peace and Nonviolence in 2001, [PALS] has informed the public and contacted Congress to bring it to the floor," Fritch said.

A "Pothole for Peace" will follow as well as a memorial silent peace vigil, held on the corner of Route 13 and College Ave from 2 - 3 p.m.

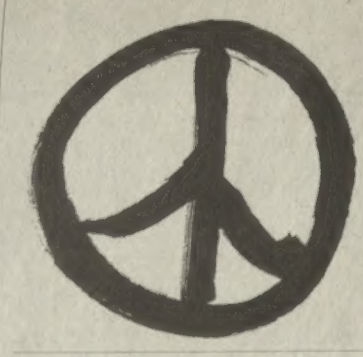
PALS held their first silent peace vigil on October 6, 2002, at the Peace with Freedom memorial on Route 50. After a year and a half, PALS put a temporary halt on the vigils. "After the beginning of the unilateral, preemptive Iraq war, public reaction was increasingly angry. At the time, it seemed to us that generating such hostility was blocking our message of peace," Fritch said.

The group kept busy with educational events during their hiatus but returned to the vigils, now held on the corner of the SU campus, on February 15, 2004. "When, despite a declaration of 'victory,' the Iraq war escalated, numbers of dead and wounded on both sides climbed and no end is in sight, we returned to keep our message before the public," Fritch remarked.

The vigil participants vary each week with an average of eight to ten members present. "We've been delighted when SU students join us. Presently Drake Becker, President of Students for a Democratic Society, and Virginia Gambrell, President of the Environmental Students Association, are standing for peace with us," Fritch said.

PALS is involved in a variety of other activities including encouraging the public to write letters to legislators and their local newspapers promoting peace. PALS was also involved in giving secondary students a chance to remove their names from a list made accessible to armed forces recruiters, an option not previously available.

"PALS believes continuing to stand vigil for peace, especially in this election year, maintains and raises public consciousness of the tragic toll of the Iraq war and other conflicts throughout the world," Fritch said. "From the increasing number of honks for peace, we know it affirms the views of many."



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"I'm going on spring break with a large group of girls. Most of them are single but I have a boyfriend. He's a very jealous person even though I have never cheated on him. He's really scared that my friends are going to pressure me into doing something to destroy our relationship. How do I convince him otherwise?"

There really is not that much you can do. He is going to believe what he wants no matter what. If you have been a faithful girlfriend and he still does not trust you, the issue is him, not you. If you are going somewhere that you will get cell reception, give him a call just to let him know you called it okay and that you are having fun. Tell him to go out with his friends as much as possible to keep his mind off of you being away. Do not let him take away your time with your friends and no matter what you do, do not sit in the room and talk to him the whole time. You will look back on the trip and wonder why you even went. If he has such deep trust issues to begin with, maybe it is time to reevaluate your relationship. No one should make you feel bad about yourself, especially if they are your boyfriend. When you come back from your trip, if he is accusatory, do not feel the need to explain yourself, especially if you have been honest in the past and he has no reason to believe something is up.

"I broke up with my girlfriend a few months ago. We have mutual friends so it's hard to avoid each other but I am ready to move

on. I like other girls but my ex keeps staring them away. She doesn't understand that we are done!"

It sounds like your ex-girlfriend is still really hurt by the breakup and is still holding on to what could be. It might be a good idea to avoid seeing each other for awhile so she will really get the hint. Even if you are on friendly terms, you cannot call her and be her friend right now. She will get the wrong idea completely. If you are constantly around her, she is bound to get the wrong idea. She might think that you are slowly trying to get back together by hanging out with the same people. If seeing her less does not help, you need to sit down and talk to her. Explain that you are ready to start dating other people and that she needs to be mature about it, especially if you have the same group of friends. It will be really hard for her to see you with someone else, but expect to give her the same respect when she brings a new guy around too. When you are talking to a new girl, avoid bringing up the ex or she is going to be suspicious and scared away easier. If it does come up, explain that you have mutual friends but that she is still getting over you. Honesty is the best policy and that way there are no surprises when the ex stops by your friends house. If you slowly cut her out of your life, she will get the hint and start to move on too. Just remember it takes a little longer for some people. Good luck!

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People Making A Difference

Allison Hueber

By Katie Murphy
Staff Writer

Allison Hueber is the current executive president of the SGA. Hueber is a native of High Bridge, NJ, where she enjoys hanging out and going to the beach when it's warm. Hueber climbed to her position after being involved with the SGA in high school. Hueber started off her SGA career at Salisbury University as a senator and climbed the ranks from there. As the executive president of the SGA, Hueber is responsible for overseeing all the RSOs (registered student organizations). She is responsible for all the clubs and organizations on campus in addition to helping out with all the big events the SGA puts on.

Last year Hueber was the Vice President of university affairs. This position prepared her for the demanding tasks of being the executive president of the SGA. As the VP of university affairs, Hueber concentrated on community service which prepared her for her current position.

One of Hueber's favorite events that she has been a part of was The Big Event. This is an event that the SGA has been doing for a few years. "It's a way to say thank you for putting up with us," said Hueber. The Big Event started off as a Texas A&M tradition that our SGA brought back from a conference they hosted, according to Hueber. The Event's purpose is to help out the community for one day. It serves as a thank you to the community for letting us stay in their houses, allowing us to hold our many events and even helping us out at times. Students help out by doing individual jobs around Salisbury which normally include helping out the elderly by painting, washing windows or raking leaves. It was very successful last year with 30-40 organizations participating for a total of 250 people.



Telecia Taylor photo

One of Hueber's favorite experiences with the SGA was when they pulled together to accomplish a big task: to collect signatures against the tuition increase that was being considered. The SGA decided on one Wednesday night they were going to take on the task to try to collect over 1,000 signatures on Thursday. They were able to successfully collect over 1,000 signatures and sent them off to Annapolis less than 24 hours after deciding to take on the cause.

"Every little thing helps," Hueber said. She felt like they were actually making a difference and doing something important. They found out they had made a difference when they went to Annapolis for SU day and received positive feedback from delegates. "Maybe we made it so it wasn't as much," said Hueber. She hopes the SGA's and Salisbury University students' efforts to voice their opinions did have at least a small effect on the tuition increase.

The SGA has served as a gateway for Hueber, who has become active in many other campus

committees such as the mental health task force and environmental sustainability task force. As part of the mental health task force, Hueber tackles issues such as how stress affects students. The Virginia Tech shooting brought up a number of new issues. The number one issue at the moment is "how to make students feel safe and part of a community," said Hueber. Another one of their goals is to figure out how to get students involved and make them feel like they are part of a community. As a member of the environmental sustainability task force, Hueber evaluates how well our campus does with recycling and other environmental issues. They also discuss and plan for how green the new building on campus will be.

The top issue that Hueber and the SGA are currently working on is campus safety problems. They are trying to "open up lines of communication" said Hueber. In particular they concentrate on stronger communication between students, university police, Salisbury police, and the administration.

HEALTH COLUMN

Mental Health

By Sarah Brinton
Staff Writer

Mental health has become a serious issue on every college campus across the United States. Since the Virginia Tech and the Northern Illinois shootings, people are asking questions. Why did this happen? Could this have been prevented? These questions should not go unanswered, because there are plenty of things you can do to help yourself and others make every day more positive.

"Depression in college students is rising," said Kathleen Scott, Director of Student Counseling Services. This is not surprising because of all the changes college students endure. Moving away from home, different living arrangements, schedule changes, social anxiety, different diets, not to mention the stress of classes, can make anyone feel down.

To help balance out the stress, there are many things you can do to feel better on a day-to-day basis. Scott recommends regular sleep, exercise, enjoyable activities and relaxation, such as meditation or yoga. She also emphasizes care when using alcohol. Although a drink or two makes most people feel relaxed, alcohol is a depressant, consuming greater quantities can result in depression, anxiety and often aggression, according to a study at Radford University.

Getting involved on campus is a great way to make new friends. It always seems like there is never enough time to get schoolwork done, especially if you have a job. However, making contact with people who understand what you are going through as a college student can make life much easier.

Regular exercise makes for a happier life. It is not necessary to train like an athlete; however, taking 20 minutes of your day to walk around campus will help boost those endorphins. With spring in sight, it will also be more pleasant to be outdoors.

Regular sleep, which means getting the same amount of sleep each night, will also help with mood. This is very hard for college students to fit into their lifestyle because of cramming for tests, finishing papers and late night social events. However, you should be mindful that you need a certain amount of sleep each night to function properly.

Pass on positive vibes. Smile to a classmate in the hall, hold the door for the person behind you and say hello to someone you may not know. In an age of terrorism, both at home and overseas, it is important to express to people around us warmth and humanity.

"If students continue to have issues with relationships, jobs, or have suicidal thoughts, seek help to find the root of the problem. Especially if a student is on depression medication, seek help," urged Scott. If you want to talk to a counselor at Student Counseling Services, make an appointment.

Give yourself a boost and get your brain operational with this tasty breakfast smoothie. There are so many different ways to make these nutritional drinks. Experiment with different fruits and find out what you like best.

Blueberry Banana Smoothie

Prep time: 15 minutes

Ingredients: 1 ripe banana, ¼ cup fresh or frozen blueberries (remove stems), ½ cup organic plain low fat yogurt, ¼ cup skim or low fat milk, ½ cup crushed ice

Directions: Combine all ingredients in a blender and puree until smooth.

Here is an easy heart and brain healthy recipe that can be taken on that long awaited picnic:

Salmon Pockets

Prep time: 15 minutes

Ingredients: 1 can (7 ½ ounces) salmon drained and flaked, 2 hard boiled eggs, shelled and chopped, 1 large tomato, chopped, 1 small red pepper, cored and chopped, ½ cup thinly sliced red onion, 1 can (2 ¼ ounce) black or green olives, drained, ½ cup garlic herb vinaigrette dressing, 6 whole wheat pitas, sliced in half, 6 cups lettuce, spinach or romaine

Directions: Combine salmon, eggs, tomato, bell pepper, red onion and olives in a medium bowl. Add vinaigrette while continuing to toss gently. Line pita halves with lettuce leaves. Spoon about 2/3 cup salmon mixture into each pita half. Serve immediately or refrigerate for a later meal.



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From the photo bank: What's happening on campus



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SU president Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach can't contain her excitement for the Healthy U ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday.



Sarah Wright photo

Dangerous Minds author LouAnne Johnson answers questions during the Thursday morning Q&A following Wednesday night's lecture.



Adrienne Price photo

Students enjoy themselves in Cool Beans last Thursday night at Tri-Mu's second Open Mic Night of the semester.

In recognition of Women's History Month, *The Flyer* would like to celebrate the life and achievements of

Amelia Earhart

By Samantha Sullivan
Staff Writer

As the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean, Amelia Earhart has achieved something she had only admired in others as a child.

A Kansas native born in 1897, Earhart was a tomboy as a child and was used to being different from the norm. Earhart knew she was not like everyone else

friend. It was then she knew she wanted to learn more. Pilot Frank Hawks gave her and her friend their first plane rides and as soon as she got high into the air, her mind was made up: she wanted to fly herself.

Earhart took her first flying lesson in 1921 and loved it so much that it only took her six months to save enough money to buy her first plane. The bright yellow plane she named Canary

flying accomplishments.

Earhart continued excelling in the aviation field and always held her own. Flying planes became her way of life. She married George Putnam, who helped her prepare for the ocean crossing with the men. The two became partners and made a great team.

They wanted to keep her solo flight a secret and planned it so no one would find out. On May 30, 1932, Earhart flew alone from Newfoundland to Paris but crash-landed in Ireland due to the icy conditions, north winds, and problems with her plane. She startled a few cows but arrived safely and the media was there in no time. Earhart had made women's history and was very brave.

She showed that women were smart and courageous enough to do the same things as men could do.

"Earhart felt the flight proved that men and women were equal in 'jobs requiring intelligence, coordination, speed, coolness and willpower,'" states the official Amelia Earhart Web site.

President Hoover awarded Earhart with a gold medal from the National Geographic Society. Congress also awarded her with the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Earhart continued setting records and her success as a woman in the aviation field has been noted as exponential. She is a great role model for women looking for success in a field dominated largely by men. She has given faith to a great many women who have been intimidated or uncertain about their aspirations and dreams.

Earhart's disappearance on a round-the-world flight in 1937 has sparked many theories into what actually happened to her and her navigator, Fred Noonan. It remains a mystery to this day.



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and liked it that way.

She also admired other successful women who had been recognized in male dominated fields; she collected newspaper clippings of their accomplishments. At the age of 10, Earhart saw a plane for the first time and did not think of it as an interest. Its rusty, tattered parts were not pleasing to her eyes and did not think much of it.

Ten years later, Earhart went to an aviation stunt show and the pilot tried to scare her by nose diving towards her and

earned her a first set women's record of achieving an altitude of 14,000 feet. She was fearless and determined to be an aviator.

In 1928, Earhart received a phone call at work and the outcome astonished her. She was asked to fly across the Atlantic Ocean with pilots Wilmer Stultz and Louis Gordon.

Earhart accepted the offer and they flew out of Trepassy Harbor, Newfoundland, arriving in Wales almost a day later. They were greeted in the States with parades and receptions on their

SU's Foreign Language Film Festival

By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

The Department of Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies sponsored the Foreign Language Film Festival at SU from March 3-7. The five featured films were from Spanish, French, German and Swedish backgrounds.

"[The Festival] is part of National Foreign Language Week," said Dr. Arlene White, a French professor and head of the program. "It is part of the celebration of how languages enrich your life."

White said that unlike previous festivals, this year's selection of movies does not have a theme. "We hope students go to at least one since the movies are free," White said. The President of the University supports the international initiative according to White.

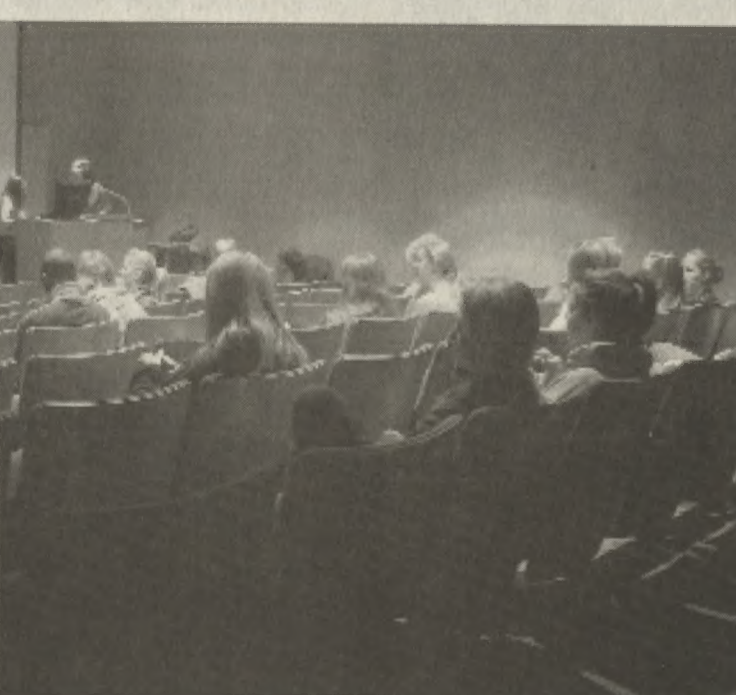
"I like that the department sponsors a week of foreign films," said Spanish minor Addie Kauzlarich. "Watching one of the Spanish movies helped me understand the culture better. It also helped with my language ability. The film helped me practice because I tried to listen to the language instead of reading the subtitles."

"I love when they put on foreign films. I think it's a great way to learn a little bit about other countries, in a different way than you would in the classroom," said Spanish and nursing major Michelle Walsh.

White said it is different when you have to "read" a movie instead of understanding everything that is going on and the films are another avenue of practice and exposure for those who study languages and students in general.

"A lot of times seeing a film is more effective than just reading a textbook, for example, because you get to see how real people from that culture would experience things," Walsh said.

She said the films do help with



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Audiences enjoy a week long foreign language film festival hosted by the Dept. of Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies.

understanding the language because it's one way to experience how people from that culture actually use the language. Walsh added that she likes hearing the different accents from the various Spanish-speaking countries.

The Tuesday night movie was *Balsera*, a documentary about Cuban rafters who fled with death to cross the Caribbean to reach Miami. The story covers a length of time from the early 90s while the refugees are preparing to leave until sometime after they have made a life in America. The movie description said the documentary shows what life is like for those who want to succeed.

"It was a pretty interesting movie," Kauzlarich said. "It's amazing to see what people are willing to do to get out of Cuba and get over here. It was also interesting to see how some of the refugees loved being in America while others missed their home."

"I remember hearing about the Cuban rafters when I was younger. There were so many stories about

families being torn apart. The film really gave insight into the struggles the refugees experienced in America and how they had to adapt to survive in a capitalist society," Walsh said.

She said it was heart wrenching to see the families separated in two different countries. The film also portrayed their homesickness and longing for the life they had known in Cuba.

The French film was a World War II love story in Nazi-occupied Paris. The featured German movie, *Martha*, is the original version of the newly released Catherine Zeta-Jones comedy *No Reservations*. The Swedish piece was a 1970s-based comedy and the other Spanish film followed the decisions of an aspiring Mexican composer.

The Foreign Language Film Festival is a remarkable week that provides a window into different cultures and languages that many students are not familiar with. It is a way to learn without sitting in a classroom.

Club Spotlight

Leash on Life



photo submitted by Laura Fletcher

Members of Salisbury University's Leash on Life sell baked goods to raise money for their club. Leash on Life works with the Wicomico Humane Society to provide better lives for domestic animals.

By Danny Ross
Staff Writer

If you haven't heard of the club Leash on Life, you may just want to check them out. The club's main focus is volunteering at the Wicomico County Humane Society located on Citation Drive in Salisbury.

"Leash on Life gives Salisbury students the opportunity to become more involved in the community by volunteering their time to the local Humane Society and providing love and attention

to the many homeless dogs and cats in the area," said Kelly Rice, vice president of Leash on Life.

The club currently makes two to four trips each week to the Humane Society and sends about five volunteers on each trip. The volunteers do anything from taking the dogs on a walk, to grooming them, to just spending time and playing with them. Sometimes the members even help out with laundry or cleaning that needs to be done around the facility.

"If we can dedicate a little bit of our time to make the lives of these homeless animals even just a little bit better, I feel like we've done something extraordinary," Rice said.

While volunteering their time in itself is an extraordinary sacrifice, the club doesn't stop its efforts there. The group is also extremely active in raising money for the Humane Society, a non-profit organization.

Every fall, club members collabo-

rate with Blackwell Library to do a pet food and supply drive benefiting the Humane Society. This drive collects a variety of items such as paper towels, dish soap, cleaners, old blankets, dog and cat food, treats and more.

While the club is going strong now, it did begin to fizzle out during the 2005-2006 school year. However, since current president Laura Fletcher and Rice took over after the former president graduated, the group has grown to over 30 regular members and boasts an email list of over 400 people.

At meetings, the club also discusses relevant news both locally and nationally that affects pets. One such recent discussion was the Pet Sterilization law that was passed in Los Angeles which requires most pets to be spayed or neutered by the time they are four months old. Los Angeles enacted this law in hopes of reducing the number of euthanasias it conducts, which amounted to over 15,000 just last year.

"Many people are not aware of the severity of the overpopulation of domestic animals. LA's pet sterilization law is a classic case of people finally taking a stand and making it their responsibility to help resolve this issue," said Rice.

Other states are also starting to take notice of this problem. A similar law has been put in place in north Las Vegas, and some California lawmakers have been pushing for a state-wide law in the last few years.

"We are excited about the new laws being passed throughout the

nation to help decrease the cases of euthanasia. Who wants to see a helpless animal get put down? It's not fair," said Rice.

It's clear that Rice is passionate about the club's mission and she hopes more college students will use their free time to help out less fortunate animals. She also encourages people to adopt from local shelters rather than purchase dogs and cats from breeders. The problem isn't just confined to a certain area, and the amount of animals in the local humane society is evidence that the problem is everywhere.

"This club gives us a chance to raise awareness about animal rights and about the many homeless animals all over the world, including right here in our own back yards," said Rice.

Even though the semester is winding down it is never too late to get involved. Leash on Life meets every Wednesday at 6 pm in the Scarborough Leadership Building. If you are interested in joining, there are a few different ways you can get involved. The Humane Society will be having a DOG WALK, Saturday, April 12th from 9 a.m.-noon. This is open to the community as well as the campus. You can contact Laura Fletcher or Kelly Rice on Groupwise for more information, or call the Wicomico County Humane Society directly at 410-749-7603 (<http://www.wicomico-humane.org/>). Leash on Life can also be reached through their Facebook page.

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Black Light Casino Night: A big winner hands down

By Kristin Hawkins
Staff Writer

Most Tuesday nights are dull, full of homework, television and phone calls. Nothing exciting happens and it is just one more day in a long string of miserable school days. Many students find themselves calling their friends to complain about how bored they are. On Tuesday the week-end happiness is just wearing off and it's too early to start the "Thirsty Thursday" routine. The monotony of Tuesdays is enough to make a person depressed.

This past Tuesday, March 4, was an exception to the rule. Salisbury University students finally had something to do. SOAP hosted Black Light Casino Night in Guerrieri University Center's Wisconsin Room. Casino night is not a new event to the Salisbury community; SOAP hosts the event at least once a year, usually during Welcome Week in the fall. This past fall the organization sponsored a table poker tournament that did very well.

Although the event began a little later than its advertised 7 p.m. start time, it was obvious that the extra time was worth the wait. The SOAP staff worked hard and by the time the music was turned on, the Wisconsin Room had been completely transformed. Music, mainly Top 40 hits blasted through speakers. The room was completely dark except for the black lights around



Adrienne Price photo

Students try their luck at black light blackjack Tuesday night in the Wisconsin Room. SOAP sponsored the successful event.

the room and tables were decorated with neon purple, green, orange, blue and yellow wands and rings illuminated by the light. Tables were set up for games of craps, blackjack and poker. On either side of the doorway there were slot machines flashing with bright lights.

Students immediately settled around two of the blackjack tables. Many more began to play the slot machines. Smiles could be seen and laughter heard as the games began. "I thought it was very nice, a lot of fun. I've been to Vegas. I'm a big fan of casinos," said senior Aaron Böker.

Many students seemed to love the theme of Casino Night. "I think the lights are pretty, it's really different," said senior Monique Mackell.

These lights seemed to attract many people passing by the room. This was the goal of those who organized the event. "It would catch people's attention as they were walking by. The black lights were something we hadn't done before and thought students would be interested in," said SOAP President and organizer Alicia Mazurkevich.

Over the course of the night, students shuffled in and out of

the dark room to listen to the music, look at the lights, play a game and sometimes say hi to a friend. "We expected to have people filtering in and out instead of staying," Mazurkevich said.

The room was never overcrowded and although not always full, the people that came did not seem to regret their decision. "My freshman year Casino Night was fun, so I thought I'd try it again," said junior Nikki Cadet. She was not disappointed.

Those who won the games had the opportunity to win a variety of prizes. There were movies, poker sets, cards and, of course, SOAP t-shirts. "I had a blast. Those who came enjoyed themselves," said Nick Jordan, another organizer of the event.

The SOAP staff was impressed with the event. All SOAP events are planned at least a semester ahead and this one was no different. "It was the first event that involved the entire SOAP committee in a hands-on way," Mazurkevich said. The SOAP committee is an organization open to all Salisbury students that lets them get involved in the events that SOAP puts on over the year.

SOAP's next activities take place after spring break. On March 29, they are presenting Battle of the DJs. On April 1, tickets go on sale for the Spring Concert in the SOAP office. The concert is April 29 and features One Republic and Fabolous.

...Weekly Greek News... Greek of the Month

By Lindsey Dickinson
Staff Writer



Lindsey Dickinson photo

Every month the National Panhellenic Council (NPC) at Salisbury University awards a woman who is active in a Greek organization with the title of "Greek of the Month." NPC chooses the Greek of the Month based off of character, involvement in her sorority, academics, and her involvement in other on-campus organizations.

For the month of March, Amanda Pincus was selected as Greek of the Month. Pincus comes to SU from New Jersey and is currently in her junior year, working towards her degree in psychology. She joined Alpha Sigma Tau (AST) last semester in the Beta Lambda pledge class.

"The Council and I decided that Amanda should be chosen this month because of her responsibility to her chapter's recruitment this year," says Jennifer Hackett, President of SU's NPC. "She stepped up as Assistant Recruitment and handled her first recruitment when the Recruitment Chair became ill. We appreciate her dedication to her chapter and the other organizations she is involved with."

Pincus is involved in several on-campus clubs, including the Psychology Club. While she does not currently hold a position in the organization she hopes to in the future. However, most of her time is dedicated to her many positions in AST. Currently Pincus holds three positions in AST including assistant recruitment, historian and game show.

Pincus' weekly schedule is also kept busy with the many philan-

thropic and other activities that AST sisters participate in. She is an extremely active sister and participates in all activities.

"My favorite part of AST is the philanthropy that we do. I just did Adopt-A-Highway for the first time and I absolutely loved it," Pincus said. "My favorite AST memory would have to be the day that I found out who my Big was. She has become one of my best friends and that day was so special to me," explained Pincus.

While being in a Greek organization is filled with many fun and memorable moments, Pincus also feels as though she has gained a lot more than just some good memories and experiences from being a sister of AST. She feels as though she has gained confidence in herself as well as lifelong friends.

"I think that being Greek has made me a lot more confident and sure of myself. I am comfortable in situations where I have to speak my mind and give my own opinions," Pincus said. "I have so many close friends who I know will be a part of my life forever and I know that I can always count on them. I have found out who I am and know that this is where I belong in AST."

Alternative spring break plans involve volunteering

By Kellie Madden
Staff Writer

Spring break is that time every college student looks forward to. For most, this time is filled with parties, relaxing with friends and family and maybe even a vacation to the beach. This year, several SU students are using their spring break to make a difference in the lives of others.

Operation New Hope, or WorkFest, sponsored by the Christian Appalachian Project, is a program designed to help the less fortunate meet housing needs of impoverished families struggling to survive in Appalachia.

This year, six Salisbury University students are volunteering their time with this organization to help rebuild dilapidated houses in Kentucky.

For juniors Crista Hajiantoni and Kathleen Kerner, this will be their second year volunteering for WorkFest. The Christian Appalachian Project has sponsored this program for over a decade and since it began, it has helped thousands of people.

"Some of my friends did it last year and they had a lot of fun. When they decided to go again this year they asked if I wanted to go with them," said junior Jessica Carey. "I'm sad that I'll miss out on all the partying over spring break, but this will look good on my resume and I'll be able to help people."

Kerner said even though they have to get up early to get to the work sites, the day goes by fast and everyone works together. She added that the workers have dinner together every night when finished at the work sites. There are also activities at night and last year the group took a really beautiful hike on a trail overlooking a waterfall, she said.

Hajiantoni said she really enjoyed the cultural events they had last year. "It was interesting to learn about the region," she said. "It was amazing that there are such bad conditions so close to where we live," Hajiantoni said. "It makes you realize how horrible poverty can be, and it makes you

appreciate what you have."

Hajiantoni said the students from the other schools were really nice, as were the other volunteers. "It was funny because a lot of the other kids thought we were really southern and said we had southern accents," she said.

Last year Kerner helped rebuild the home of an 81-year-old woman. Kerner said the woman had lived on her own for sixty years and she had never had heating or plumbing in her home.

"I remember when we got there she showed us her shotgun and told us all how she was strong and she was able to take care of herself," Kerner said.

The small, five-foot-tall woman would walk two miles to the nearest well to get water. She would then carry it back to her house where she would boil it before drinking, she said.

Kerner said they had to rebuild almost the entire house. The most important part was the expansion of the house. Along with other repairs, the volunteers installed a bathroom, and rebuilt the roof, which used to leak a lot.

Keener said the elderly woman was there with the workers every day helping out. On the last night of the Workfest all of the families are invited to dinner. The day of the dinner was the woman's 81st birthday, so they surprised her with a birthday cake.

"She started crying and she couldn't even talk, said she had never had someone give her a birthday cake or had someone sing 'Happy Birthday' to her," Kerner said. "It was a very moving experience; I almost started crying myself."

WorkFest is just one of several volunteer programs offered by the Christian Appalachian Project. Other programs range from short to long term volunteering, and there is no particular skill level is required to volunteer. All that is needed is a willingness to work hard and help others. For more information about this organization, or to volunteer contact Jen Eich at 606-308-1570, or Amy Schill at 1-800-755-5322.

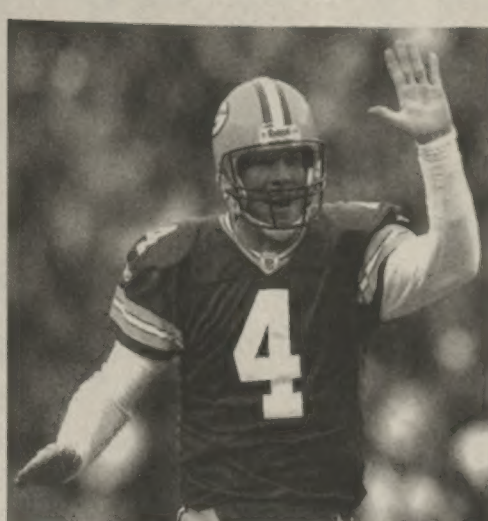
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Green Bay loses a legend Gulls set records at George Mason

By Erin Hart
Staff Writer



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After 17 seasons in the NFL, Brett Favre has thrown in the towel. He sat emotionally in front of press Thursday to announce his retirement. He tearfully exclaimed, "I know I can play, but I don't think I want to. It's over. As hard as it is for me to say, it's over."

Favre was born on Oct. 10, 1969, in Gulfport, Mississippi. He attended Hancock North Central High School where he played baseball and football. After high school Brett went onto attend college at University of Southern Mississippi. He became the quarterback in Mississippi's third game against Tulane. He led the team to a comeback win over Tulane with two touchdown passes. His junior year he led his team to a win over Florida State with a game-winning touchdown pass. Senior year he threw another game-

winning touchdown pass, helping Southern Mississippi beat Alabama. After the game the Alabama coach said, "You can call it a miracle or a legend or whatever you want to. I just knew that on that day, Brett Favre was larger than life."

Favre has been in the NFL for 17 seasons and has captured many titles. He is a three-time MVP, he leads the NFL with 442 touchdown passes, 61,655

yards passing, and 160 career wins. He also has the record for most consecutive games started by a quarterback in history with 253. Along with the great titles comes one that is not that prestigious: he has the dubious record of 288 interceptions.

Brett Favre led the Green Bay Packers to Super Bowl XXXI against the New England Patriots, where they came out victorious. The last pass Brett Favre threw as an NFL quarterback will always be in his mind: an interception he threw against the New York Giants that propelled them to the Super Bowl in 2008.

Although this was his last throw Favre still has a positive attitude and said, "I'm going out on top, believe me I could care less what other people think. I'm going out on top." He walked off stage emotionally with his wife Deanna.

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University track and field team had another good indoor showing last week at George Mason University's Winter Games in Fairfax where the women broke three school records and the men broke one.

"I'm really proud of what we've done here and feel we've really gotten ourselves somewhere," Head Coach Jim Jones said. "These records are just stepping stones to what we want to accomplish at CACs later in the year."

The women's distance medley relay team of Jenn Bulger, Kelly Sullivan, Victoria Lawson and Casey McNerny set a new record with their time of 12:57.80, breaking their own record of 13:05.91 to place first in the event. "I'm excited about it," Lawson said. "We weren't on the track with anyone else. It was just us and we had to motivate ourselves. We pushed each other to do better."

Senior Alicia Canzanese, McNerny, Lawson and Bulger set a new 4x400 meter relay record

by finishing in 4:14.75. The previous mark was 4:17.22, set in 2001. "We don't have an indoor track; we practice all week outdoors in the cold. It might be good for us," Lawson said, "but this is a team effort that took every one of us."

Freshman Charlese Phillips also beat her own record last week in the 200 meter dash. She took fifth place in the games with a time of 27.51, beating her old record of 27.57, set two weeks before at the Mason-Dixon Indoor Conference Championships.

"Breaking these records is a great momentum builder," Jones said. "Not just as individuals, but as a team, we're gaining ground and building up a great team. These individual accomplishments are reflections on how we are improving as a team."

Senior Samuel Singleton reclaimed his 400-meter dash record from senior Colton Vander Vliet, who broke it last month at the Vince Brown Invitational at Christopher Newport University. Singleton finished fourth overall with a time

of 50.85 to retake the record previously set by Vliet at 52.09.

Junior Josh Michael, freshman Shawn Phillips, Vliet and Singleton finished the men's 4x400 meter relay with their best time of the season with 3:27.30, taking third place overall.

These are not the only school records to fall these season. Senior distance runner Eric Graves set two school records two weeks ago as he won the 5,000-meter run at the Mason-Dixon Championships with a time of 15:38.64 and was second in the mile run with a time of 4:20.86. The other school record by the Gulls' men's team came from junior Bobby Price, who cleared 1.96 meters in the high jump. "I owe the trainers for this record for all the hard work they've done," Price said. "I got injured early this season and they worked quickly to get me healthy and back out there."

The track and field team will finish the indoor season this Thursday at the NCAA division III Indoor Track and Field Championship in Ada, Ohio.

Bennick pitches baseball's first CAC victory, defeats York 9-0

By Shawn Nisson
Staff Writer

The No. 26 Salisbury University baseball team earned their first Capital Athletic Conference victory behind a strong pitching performance from senior Ryan Bennick. Bennick struck out six York batters while allowing nine hits in a complete-game shutout effort that saw the Gulls take the contest 9-0.

The Gulls' (7-1, CAC 1-0) victory extended their current winning streak to seven games and Bennick improved his record to 3-0 on the season. Bennick had great control all game long as he did not walk a batter and needed only 108 pitches to dismiss the Spartans.

Bennick allowed a single in the top of the first, with the runner advancing to second after a failed pick off attempt, but the Spartans did not scratch the scoreboard.

Where York failed, the Gulls excelled. After senior Brian Camper flew out to right field, junior Randy Boyle singled to left field. Sophomore Mike Celenza then doubled to left center, driving in Boyle and scoring the only run Bennick needed, even though he received much more support. Celenza advanced to third on a single from SU senior third baseman Justin Armiger, who went 3-for-3 on the day. Senior Mark Boswick reached on a fielder's choice driving in Celenza. Boswick scored from second on an Andrew Miller single up the

middle to give Salisbury a 3-0 advantage going into the second inning.

The Gulls struck next in the bottom of the third inning, with Boyle jump-starting the offense again, this time singling through the left side of the infield. After advancing to second on a wild pitch, Armiger went deep over the left field wall, giving the Gulls a 5-0 lead. After Boswick grounded out to third base, Miller stepped to the plate and hit a solo home run over the left field fence.

Bennick was spectacular, holding York to back-to-back three outs in the fourth and fifth innings and keeping a clean sheet throughout the entire contest. The closest the Spartans came to



Tecelia Taylor photo

scoring was in the seventh inning as Tim Frisch stepped to the plate with one out and the bases loaded. Frisch quickly ended the threat as he grounded into a 6-4-3 double play, one of the two

Bennick induced during the contest.

The Gulls' offense had many standouts including Boswick, who had three RBIs on the day, two of which came on a bases loaded single in the seventh inning, giving Salisbury a 8-0 lead. Three straight singles in the eighth inning lead to the Gulls' ninth and final run of the game as Boyle hit a sacrifice fly to deep left field driving in catcher Tyler Riley.

York received two hits apiece from Anthony Anzalone and Mike Connolly. Devin Harbold contributed off the bench entering the contest as a pinch hitter in the eighth leading off the inning with a double; however, the Spartans were unable to capital-

The O's head to Dodgetown Softball wraps up perfect week



By Therrian Dennis
Staff Writer

Vero Beach, FL has housed the spring training facility for the Los Angeles Dodgers since 1948. The idea for baseball in the beautiful serene was then proposed by businessman Bud Holman, who eventually moved the Dodgers organization to the area, taking over a vacant naval area. Since then, Dodgetown has become a baseball haven. Aside from being the only privately-owned spring training facility in the country, the site offers many features for players and fans alike including outdoor batting cages, indoor practicing arenas, tennis courts, golf courses and a residential area. This facility is also known for its legendary history; many baseball games have

announced the playing grounds, and many more are sure to come.

The Dodgers, in support of their fans on the west coast, have been en route to a new spring training facility in Glendale, AZ. They are expected to be completely moved into their new site by the next season, leaving the legend of Vero Beach up for grabs. Because of the Dodgers' movement towards a change in scenery, the officials of their current home have been looking for other major league teams to take the place of the storied franchise.

Recently, the Baltimore Orioles have been at the top of the rumor mill for being the next team to fill that vacancy.

The Orioles, who are currently in contract with their facility in Fort Lauderdale through next season with an option for 2010, have been longing for an improved training facility. Their current home is unable to house their minor league teams within proximity, which has proven to be the biggest letdown of the Fort Lauderdale facility. Vero Beach, along with its previous luxuries, offers six game-ready baseball diamonds, which would play in the Orioles' preference to being closer to their up-and-coming talent.

"To me, one of the biggest positives is that everyone would be here," said John Shelby, current first-base coach for the Orioles and former player of both the Orioles and Dodgers. "You've got all your guys together and you don't have to worry about not being able to keep up with your minor league players."

In addition to storing all the teams of the Orioles organization in one area, the main playing field promotes a strong fan-player relationship. The major league stadium holds 10,000 people within a continuous horseshoe design, with neither an upper deck nor a bleacher section. There are also no dugouts on the actual playing field. "Everything up here is close," said Shelby. "Fans have always been able to reach out and touch the players...that's what makes it a tremendous atmosphere and that's what makes this complex different from all the other complexes."

With only a minor legal dilemma for the Orioles to overcome, and the development of the new Dodgers spring training facility in progress, both transactions by the teams could be finalized by 2010. "I just hope it all works well," added Shelby.

By Phil Speake
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's softball team (7-3) began their perfect week by defeating Washington College in a double header on Wednesday. The Gulls then followed that up with wins over Cabrini College and Allegheny College on the first day of the 12th annual Sea Gull Invitational. The tournament was planned to be held at the Henry S. Parker athletic complex on Naylor Mill Road. However, due to the inclement weather this weekend, Saturday's games were postponed. There are no immediate plans to finish the remainder of the schedule for the two-day tournament. The rain could not diminish the Sea Gulls dominance as they finished the weekend with a combined score of 38-0 over their four games. The Sea Gulls dominated all aspects of the games but the pitching was the week's highlight.

Junior Stacy Davis pitched a one-hit shutout against Washington in the first game of their double header, striking out seven batters while allowing only one walk. Davis also went 3-3 from the plate with a two run home run, four RBIs, and finished her great game

by a double shy of the cycle. Freshmen Alex Winstead and sophomore Lauren Brenneman each chipped in with two hits a piece in the winning effort.

In the second game, the Gulls held Washington to only one hit, this time riding the arms of junior Rachel Hastings and senior Kornell Pellow to the shutout victory. At the plate, the Gulls were paced by sophomore shortstop Kelly Waskewicz who went 2-2 from the plate and scored three runs out of the leadoff spot. With Waskewicz setting the table, Salisbury jumped out fast and early, scoring two runs in the first inning and four more runs in the second to give themselves an early six to nothing advantage. From that point on, Hastings faced the minimum nine batters over the final three innings to seal the victory and double-header sweep of Washington College.

In their first game of the Sea Gull Invitational the Gulls defeated Cabrini College 16-0 in a dominating performance on a rainy Friday afternoon. Waskewicz hit her first two home runs of the season, finishing the game with four RBIs. The highlight of the game came midway through when Salisbury posted a 13 run third

inning, including a three run home run by Brenneman leaving little doubt of the final result. The team finished with 17 hits, zero errors and allowed only two hits in the game.

In the second rain-soaked game against Allegheny, Salisbury won 5-0. Davis recorded her fourth victory of the season with another shutout, giving up three hits, three walks and recording eight strikeouts in a complete game. Sophomores Jen Cahall, Ali Ritter, Brittany Lounge and junior Stacy Malarkey all added RBIs for Salisbury.

The Sea Gulls finished their great week only committing one error despite the rain-soaked weekend and their bats certainly chipped in well to compliment their pitching and defense. The Sea Gulls will host Christopher Newport in a double header on Wednesday afternoon. They also swept their two games this weekend in the Sea Gull Invitational, defeating Cabrini College 10-1 and Allegheny College 9-3 in their second game. The first pitch of Wednesday's double header is scheduled for 2 p.m. Salisbury has won the last 10 CAC championships and will be looking for number 11 this season.

Reception held to kick off Women's History Month

By Jillian Verpent
Staff Writer

The month of March is designated as Women's History Month to serve as a reminder of the accomplishments of women throughout history and how they have helped shape the world we live in today.

The President's Office sponsored a Women's History Month Reception in the lobby of Holloway Hall to commence Salisbury University's celebration of the occasion.

Bookmarks were passed out listing the events SU set up, which include lectures, discussions and performances throughout the month of March. The reception was followed with an International Women's Dinner held in the Commons.

"We're hoping that this event will spread the news about all of the events we have planned on campus to celebrate Women's History Month," said Dr. Claire Kew, Assistant Professor of French and a member of SU's Women's History Month Committee. "The role of women is often overlooked, and it's important to celebrate all of our accomplishments."

"Women need to be recognized for our role and the passion we put into what we do," said Claire Hubbard, Administrative Assistant to the Office of Diversity and also a member of the WHM committee. "The reception will hopefully get people's attention."

It became clear that women's history was virtually invisible in most history course curriculums during the 1970s. In 1978, Women's History Week was started by the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County,

CA Commission on the Status of Women. The week of March 8 was chosen because that day was already designated as International Women's Day.

The idea received positive feedback. Schools in the area began sponsoring their own Women's History Week events. Universities across the country began incorporating women's studies into their programs.

The task force shared the idea at a Women's History Institute at Sarah Lawrence College in 1979. Three years later, Congress established National Women's History Week.

Schools featured exhibitions and projects geared towards celebrating women throughout history. With pressure from the National Women's History Project, the week was extended to Women's History Month in 1987.

SU has its own Women's History Month Committee made up of faculty, staff and students. Their job is to organize, coordinate and promote the celebration on the school's campus. "As a history major and gender studies minor I am sensitive to issues related to gender, but not everyone here at SU has been fortunate enough to take classes that analyze both our gender and social order," said Jeffrey Lunnen, co-vic president of Salisbury Activists for Gender Equality and a member of the WHM committee. "I maintain that so long as women's history is thought of as secondary to history, it is necessary that it gets due attention until it is included in our broader understanding of history."

Throughout the lecture, Johnson broke her strategies down into multiple, easy to understand lessons, such as her key rule of respecting everyone in the room. "I want you to think of prejudice as underpants; most of us have them but it's tacky to show them to people you don't know, especially in public," Johnson said.

As the lecture continued, Johnson covered all of her rules for the classroom while giving her audience examples of strategies to improve rapport with students. Most of the strategies focused on self-respect as the foundation of learning. One of Johnson's examples included placing a mirror in the front of the classroom and beginning every class by having the students look at themselves and state "I am an intelligent person."

Once Johnson had finished with her rules for the classroom, she proceeded

Riall lecturer LouAnne Johnson captivates future teachers



Sarah Wright photo

Dangerous Minds author and teacher LouAnne Johnson inspires her audience Wednesday night, March 5, in Holloway Hall.

By Chris Kidd
Staff Writer

Imagine walking into a classroom on your first day as a teacher. As you turn your back to write your name on the chalkboard, a book slams against the board, inches away from your head.

LouAnne Johnson, the latest speaker in the Riall Lecture Series for education, and author of *Dangerous Minds*, which was later adapted into a movie starring Michelle Pfeiffer, faced this challenge on her first day.

Johnson came to Salisbury University to talk to education majors about her experiences as a teacher for at-risk kids. Instead of simply reading snippets from her books, Johnson told the students some of her stories and strategies for earning children's respect.

Throughout the lecture, Johnson broke her strategies down into multiple, easy to understand lessons, such as her key rule of respecting everyone in the room.

"I want you to think of prejudice as underpants; most of us have them but it's tacky to show them to people you don't know, especially in public," Johnson said.

As the lecture continued, Johnson covered all of her rules for the classroom while giving her audience examples of strategies to improve rapport with students. Most of the strategies focused on self-respect as the foundation of learning. One of Johnson's examples included placing a mirror in the front of the classroom and beginning every class by having the students look at themselves and state "I am an intelligent person."

Once Johnson had finished with her rules for the classroom, she proceed-

ed to discuss various other subjects such as learning disabilities and health problems in relation to learning.

"50 percent of people who are learning disabled actually have light sensitivity," Johnson said before introducing her audience to a condition called Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome, in which those affected have difficulty perceiving the printed page and their environment. She went on to explain that many people suffering from this learning disability actually get headaches, and find reading painful.

As a final category of discussion for her audience, Johnson discussed health problems in relation to learning. She explained that substances such as aspartame, corn oil, sunflower oil and Ritalin are all dangerously unhealthy products, found in excess in our country, that affect people's abilities to learn.

"The United States uses 90 percent of the world's supply of Ritalin," Johnson said.

As Johnson concluded her presentation to the education majors of SU, students were able to come away from the lecture with a new perspective on teaching. Johnson managed to give her audience advice on how they should handle their classrooms, while comforting the students that had aspirations of becoming teachers.

"She was much more than just another lecturer. She talked to us as a normal person, and she made it all very relatable. It was reassuring to hear her experiences because most of the people in this room are going to be where she was soon," said Lauren Ojalvo, a junior majoring in education.



Sarah Wright photo

Students, faculty and staff attend the International Women's Dinner hosted by the Commons on Wednesday night.

Men's tennis sweep Dickinson

By Tom Watson
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University men's tennis team (4-0, CAC 1-0) swept Dickinson College 9-0 on Saturday afternoon, helping the team go 4-0 during their four-game home stand. Although dark skies and heavy rain forced the Gulls to play indoors at the Salisbury University Indoor Tennis Center, the rain could not douse the Sea Gulls' fierce desire for competition. After beating New York University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore and St. Mary's at home over the last two weeks 7-2, 9-0, 8-1, respectively, Salisbury, ranked 10th in the Atlantic South region, was hungry to extend their home winning streak.

Saturday was certainly not the preferred debut for the Dickinson Red Devils as they opened their season facing a hot Salisbury team with an eye for domination. Senior Brendan Kincaid and sophomore Scott Burtzclaff defeated Dickinson's Ross Anstaett and Bo Marshall 8-3 at the No. 1 doubles spot. Salisbury junior Matt Nicholson and sophomore Evan Thomas routed Pavel Hejssek and Hunter Holbrook in No. 2 doubles by the score of 8-2, and the team of sophomore Marcus Robinson and freshman Andrew Nottage went on to complete the doubles sweep at the No. 3 position 8-3,

over Trevor Heck and Matt Wood.

As it turned out, the Sea Gulls' doubles sweep was only a warm-up to the singles matches. First Kincaid dominated his No. 2 singles match 6-1 and 6-1 against Dickinson's Marshall. Burtzclaff later went on to beat Dickinson's Holbrook 6-0 and 6-3 in dominating style. Nicholson made his second appearance at No. 1 singles this season to defeat Anstaett 6-1 and 6-2. Thomas continued to play well and went on to handle Heck with ease, earning him the victory 6-1 and 6-2, while freshman David Lupinetti won handily at the No. 5 singles position 6-1 and 6-3 over Dickinson's Hejssek. The Red Devils' only real spark came from Rich Rosenthal in the final match against Salisbury University junior Sasha Felkinson. Rosenthal played well, but Felkinson was able to fend off his impressive performance and defeat him 6-2, 3-6 and 10-3. Felkinson's win helped the Gulls successfully sweep the Red Devils.

Salisbury captured their second sweep in the last two weeks by defeating the visiting Dickinson. The Sea Gulls look to keep the streak alive on Sunday as they travel to Chowan University for their first away match of the season. The Gulls will stay on the road, traveling to Virginia Wesleyan and York College before traveling to California for their spring break trip.



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Men's lax remains undefeated



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By Rachel Grau
Staff Writer

On Wednesday the men's lacrosse team continued their winning season with a strong win over Hood College, 29-5, and went on to defeat Ohio Wesleyan on Saturday, 14-10.

54 seconds into the first quarter against Hood, junior Kylor Berkman scored the first goal of the game, which was quickly followed by senior Matt Hickman's three consecutive goals. With nine seconds of the first quarter left, senior Ryan Brown scored a final goal bringing the Gull's lead to 10-1. In the second quarter Hood scored four goals off five shots, and Salisbury scored six more goals bringing the score to 16-5 at half time. After the half time break, the Sea Gull defense held strong and shut out Hood in the second half.

Hickman led the team with four goals. Berkman, sophomore Mike Winter, and junior Patrick Bonanno all had three goals apiece. Berkman also added two assists for the Sea Gulls. The Gulls won the first 34 face-offs of the game before Hood won their first in the fourth quarter.

The Sea Gulls were back at it on Saturday against Ohio Wesleyan. The Sea Gulls allowed double digit goals for the first time in the last 30 games. Berkman led the Gulls attack with two goals and three assists. Hickman added two goals and an assist while senior Greg Titus added

three. The Gulls never trailed in the game.

The Gulls committed a season-high 13 penalties. Ohio Wesleyan was able to capitalize on the 13 penalties by scoring two goals. The Gulls held a small lead, 3-1, after one quarter but the visiting Bishops went on to score back-to-back goals early in the second quarter cutting the Gulls lead to one. Titus responded by scoring two of the next three goals in the game giving the Gulls a 6-4 lead at halftime.

The Gulls scored five of the next six goals in the beginning of the second half giving them their biggest lead of the day, 11-5. Ohio Wesleyan fought back scoring five of the final eight goals ending the game at 14-10.

The Gulls offense out shot the opposing Bishops 40-25 and gathered 47 ground balls. Senior Ryan Browning and Ben Sandlin each forced four turnovers apiece; Berkman also caused four Ohio Wesleyan miscues. Ohio Wesleyan committed 32 turnovers in a game while the Gulls committed 30. Junior goalie Riley Clark made 10 saves on the day helping the Gulls hold off the aggressive Bishop offense.

The Gulls have won 64 straight games at home and 68 consecutive regular season contests. The Sea Gulls are on the road for their next game against Marymount University, a CAC rival, on Wednesday, March 12 at 3:30 p.m.

Women's tennis victorious

By Chris Brown
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's tennis team continued their turnaround with an 8-1 victory over Bridgewater College on Saturday. The Gulls won all six singles matches and won two more in doubles while playing at the SU Indoor Tennis Center. Inclement weather forced the match inside. "We had a tough loss last weekend, and it is nice to bounce back with a win at home," sophomore Rachel Iosue said. "We were expecting a tough match from Bridgewater today."

Junior Anna Marie Kable and sophomore Jackie Burr won the No. 1 doubles match for Salisbury 8-2 while Kable also won No. 1 singles in two sets 7-6 and 6-0. No. 2 singles Kelly Fahrmer won 6-2 and 7-5 to defeat Bridgewater's Marlena Pipkin. Robyn Wendell, Hannah Parsons, Burr and Iosue all earned victories in singles, winning in straight sets. This was the first match of the season for No. 5 singles player Burr. Iosue has won her last three consecutive singles matches and made quick work out of Bridgewater's Alissa Michael, winning 6-0 and 6-0. The No. 2 doubles team of Fahrmer and Iosue suffered Salisbury's only setback, losing 8-4 to the consistent play of Bridgewater's Pipkin and Jessica Hill.

"For us this year, this is the best we've played so far," said Randy Halfpap, Salisbury head tennis coach. "The first three matches really set the tone, and that was the best we have started," Halfpap said. "We have improved a ton."

Bridgewater was a non-conference foe, but Halfpap had been looking for some new competition for his team. "We knew they were up and coming and we wanted to get them up here for a match," Halfpap said. He explained that Bridgewater is from the same region, and that he had known their coach for some time. "He used to be the assistant coach at Mary Washington and I was able through association to schedule a match against his team," Halfpap said.

Salisbury's record is 4-2 while Bridgewater falls to 0-2. The Gulls also earned their third home victory of the year. Salisbury has now won two in a row since back-to-back losses to Washington (Md.) and New York University last week.

The Gulls travel to North Carolina to face Chowan College on Sunday and have matches against Virginia Wesleyan on Tuesday and a conference game against York College on Thursday. For spring break, the women's tennis team is headed to California for competition against several schools including Colorado College and Whittier.



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Number 2 women's lacrosse defeats Catholics

By Ben Muell
Staff Writer

The No. 2 Salisbury University women's lacrosse team seems to enjoy playing in cold and inclement weather because on another miserable and wet Saturday, the Sea Gulls flew to victory by defeating the Catholic University Cardinals, 21-8, before 125 loyal fans.

The number two ranked women's lacrosse team continued to jump out to early leads, starting the game off with a strong offensive surge. Sophomore Kim Cudmore scored the first goal off an assist from senior Sue Ackermann. After going up 5-0, the Sea Gulls allowed Catholic to gain momentum. Catholic mustered a burst of energy from two quick goals by Kate Robinson and Marcy Cuneo towards the end of the first half. Sophomore Beth Rhodey and Ackermann were able to answer on back-to-back unassisted goals. Catholic was not finished, though, scoring twice within 43 seconds, both on free position shots by Cuneo and Meghan Sabo. Catholics short burst of energy was short lived and the reality of Salisbury's superiority followed. The three-goal margin was the best anyone has ever tested the Sea Gulls with so far this

season, but like the rain, the Gulls poured on five more goals to close out the first half 12-5. The offense was led by Ackermann, who had three goals and one assist, and Jess Chmielewski, who scored three goals in the first half.

The second half started with Catholic University's Meghan Sabo scoring her third goal of the day, making the score 12-6. The Gulls responded with four straight goals, starting with a Robyn Bishop unassisted strike. Ackermann continued to produce numbers as she assisted freshman Logan Bilderback. Ackerman added her fourth goal of the day a few minutes later. Senior Alexis Morrell, Chmielewski and Ackermann combined for the final six goals of the game, helping the Sea Gulls finish another game in dominating fashion by defeating the Catholic Cardinals 21-8.

Salisbury University was in command of the ball for a majority of the game, although Catholic did provide some difficulty for the Sea Gulls. The previously unbeaten Cardinals provided a small test for Salisbury with quick bursts and high energy. Through stellar defense and a high powered offense the Sea Gulls were able to remain in complete control of the game. The Sea Gulls scooped up

25 ground balls and were successful on 15 of 21 clear attempts. The defense was strong, allowing the visiting Cardinals to convert on only 5 of 16 clear attempts. Salisbury asserted its dominance by out-shooting Catholic 34 to 17 and by winning 16 of 31 draw controls.

The second half allowed for many of the backups to gain some valuable playing time as they got a chance to capitalize on a good opportunity. Salisbury had eight different scorers. Ackermann and Chmielewski both finished with five goals. Rhodey and Morrell both secured hat tricks. Bishop

added two goals to go along with McBride, Bilderback and Cudmore each added one apiece. Junior goalie Sonja Stuart finished the day, allowing seven goals and seven saves. Solid team play, including crisp passing and great communication, has allowed the Sea Gulls to jump out to a perfect start in the early 2008 season. The Sea Gulls improved to a perfect 6-0 record and moved to 2-0 in the conference. The Gulls are on the road Tuesday afternoon where they will travel to Villa Julie. The Gulls resume home play on Saturday, March 15, when they host Cortland State at noon.



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SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday-3/11	Wednesday-3/12	Thursday-3/13	Friday-3/14	Saturday-3/15	Sunday-3/16	Monday-3/17
3 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Virginia Wesleyan	2 p.m. Softball vs. Christopher Newport		3 p.m. Men's Tennis @ York	Noon Baseball vs. Villa Julie	11 a.m. Softball vs. Capital	9 a.m. Baseball vs. Medaille
3 p.m. Women's Tennis @ Virginia Wesleyan	3 p.m. Baseball @ Villa Julie		3 p.m. Women's Tennis @ York	Noon Women's Lacrosse vs. Cortland State	Noon Men's Lacrosse vs. Denison	9 a.m. Men's Tennis vs. Colorado College
3:30 p.m. Women's Lacrosse @ Villa Julie	3:30 p.m. Men's Lacrosse @ Marymount			1 p.m. Softball vs. Swarthmore	3 p.m. Softball vs. Wilson	9 a.m. Women's Lacrosse vs. Bowdoin
	3:30 p.m. Women's Lacrosse @ Marymount			3 p.m. Softball vs. Capital		9 a.m. Women's Tennis vs. Colorado College